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FLINT, BUTTON YOUR SHIRT.
WE'VE GOTTA LOOK AND ACT LIKE NOTHING WEIRD EVER HAPPENED.
CAN'T I TELL THEM ANYTHING?
THEY CAN'T KNOW ABOUT ANY OF IT. NOT THE CHANGES, NOT THE POODLE MONSTER, AND DEFINITELY NOT THE GOATEE.
WELL, THE HOUSE SEEMS TO STILL BE IN GOOD SHAPE FROM THE OUTSIDE...

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MOM! DAD!
OH, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW GOOD IT IS TO SEE YOU!
WHAT... WHAT'S WRONG...?
NO!
IT DIDN'T WORK!
OH GOD... IT'S HORRIBLE!
WHERE'S OUR DAUGHTER? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HER?!
DAD, IT'S ME... IT'S CASS!
DON'T... PLEASE...DON'T LOOK AT ME!
BA-A-A-A-A-A-A-A-A!!

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A New Day
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OVER THE PHONE, THEY NOTICED MY VOICE WAS DIFFERENT.
I SAID I WAS SICK.
THEY'RE ON A CRUISE LINER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN WITH NO WAY OF GETTING HOME ANY FASTER.
WHAT GOOD WOULD TELLING THEM DO?
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO DROP THIS ON THEM WHEN THEY WALK IN THE DOOR?
MY PARENTS ARE SCIENTISTS. THEY CAN PROCESS INFORMATION, NO MATTER HOW UNEXPECTED, IF THE PROOF IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM.
SOMEHOW I THINK THIS GOES A LITTLE BEYOND "UNEXPECTED."
THIS FEELS SO COOL. THE DOOLY-BOBBERS IN THESE RING THINGS'RE MAKING MY FUR ALL STATICY.

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DR. VINE, HOW MUCH LONGER IS MY BROTHER GOING TO HAVE TO STAY IN THERE?
SCANNING WILL TAKE ANOTHER FIFTEEN MINUTES. DON'T WORRY, HE'S PERFECTLY SAFE.
CAN YOU REACTIVATE THE THING THAT MAKES MY TOES PRICKLE?
FLINT'S REALLY SOMETHING.
YEAH, IF BY "SOMETHING" YOU MEAN "A ROYAL PAIN."
SERIOUSLY, HE'S DEALING REMARKABLY WELL WITH THIS WHOLE SITUATION.
HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
EXACTLY.
WHAT EXACTLY?
WOULDN'T YOU SAY THAT EVER SINCE MORTY TURNED YOU INTO A GOAT, YOU'VE BEEN DRESSING MORE CONSERVATIVELY?
FISHNETS WOULD BE KIND OF REDUNDANT. I'M ALREADY DRAWING PLENTY OF ATTENTION.
COME ON, YOU NEVER DID YOUR PSEUDO-POSER-GOTH THING FOR ATTENTION.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS CONVERSATION?
I'M SAYING, NOTHING IS KEEPING FLINT FROM EXPRESSING HIMSELF THE WAY HE ALWAYS HAS.
WHAT'S KEEPING YOU?

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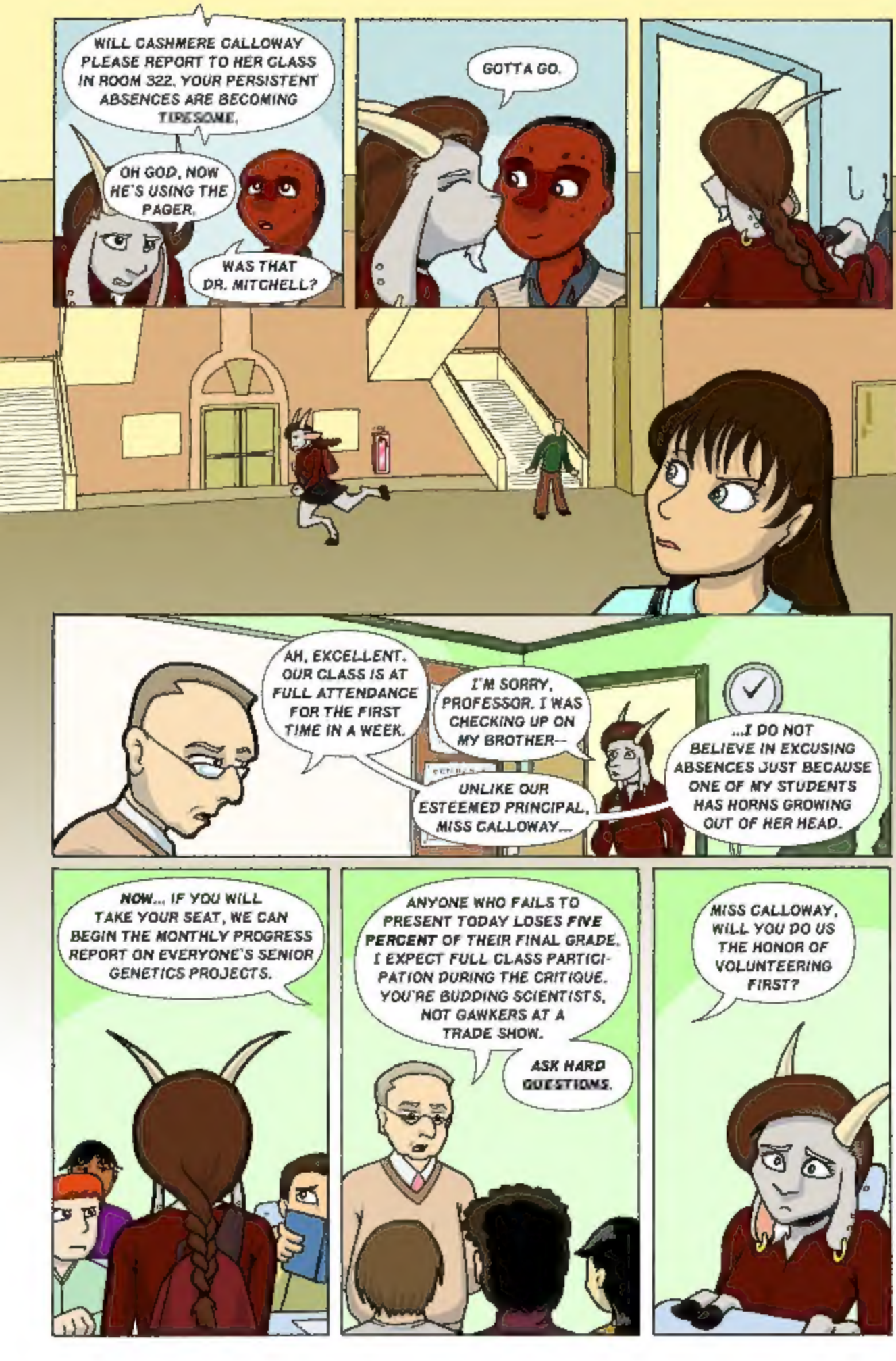
WILL CASHMERE CALLOWAY PLEASE REPORT TO HER CLASS IN ROOM 322. YOUR PERSISTENT ABSENCES ARE BECOMING TIRESOME.
OH GOD, NOW HE'S USING THE PAGER.
WAS THAT DR. MITCHELL?
GOTTA GO.
AH, EXCELLENT. OUR CLASS IS AT FULL ATTENDANCE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WEEK.
I'M SORRY, PROFESSOR. I WAS CHECKING UP ON MY BROTHER--
UNLIKE OUR ESTEEMED PRINCIPAL, MISS CALLOWAY...
...I DO NOT BELIEVE IN EXCUSING ABSENCES JUST BECAUSE ONE OF MY STUDENTS HAS HORNS GROWING OUT OF HER HEAD.
NOW... IF YOU WILL TAKE YOUR SEAT, WE CAN BEGIN THE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT ON EVERYONE'S SENIOR GENETICS PROJECTS.
ANYONE WHO FAILS TO PRESENT TODAY LOSES FIVE PERCENT OF THEIR FINAL GRADE. I EXPECT FULL CLASS PARTICIPATION DURING THE CRITIQUE. YOU'RE BUDDING SCIENTISTS, NOT GAWKERS AT A TRADE SHOW.
ASK HARD QUESTIONS.
MISS CALLOWAY, WILL YOU DO US THE HONOR OF VOLUNTEERING FIRST?

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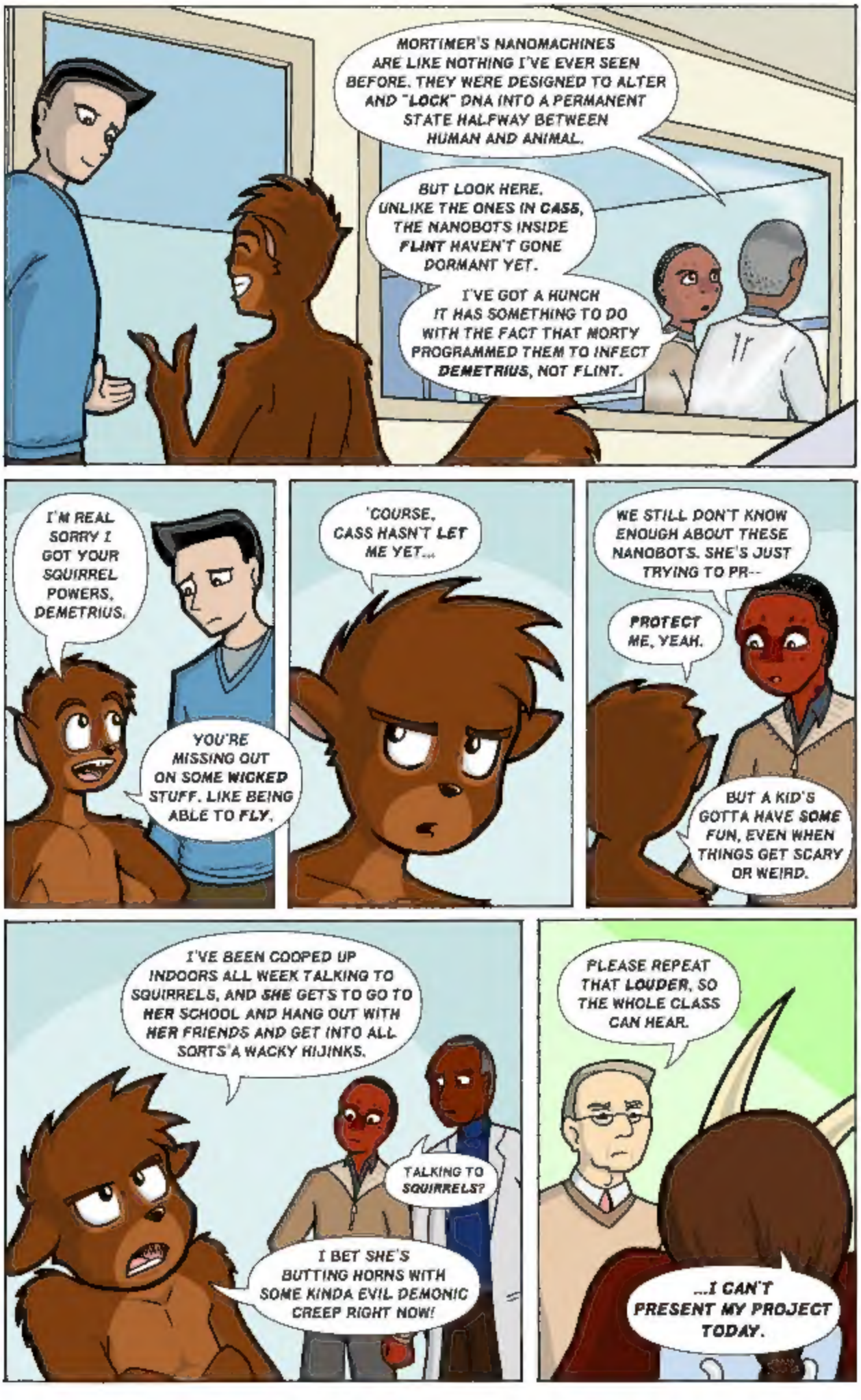
MORTIMER'S NANOMACHINES ARE LIKE NOTHING I'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE. THEY WERE DESIGNED TO ALTER AND "LOCK" DNA INTO A PERMANENT STATE HALFWAY BETWEEN HUMAN AND ANIMAL.
BUT LOOK HERE. UNLIKE THE ONES IN CASS, THE NANOBOTS INSIDE FLINT HAVEN'T GONE DORMANT YET.
I'VE GOT A HUNCH IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT MORTY PROGRAMMED THEM TO INFECT DEMETRIUS, NOT FLINT.
I'M REAL SORRY I GOT YOUR SQUIRREL POWERS, DEMETRIUS.
YOU'RE MISSING OUT ON SOME WICKED STUFF. LIKE BEING ABLE TO FLY.
'COURSE, CASS HASN'T LET ME YET...
WE STILL DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THESE NANOBOTS. SHE'S JUST TRYING TO PR--
PROTECT ME, YEAH.
BUT A KID'S GOTTA HAVE SOME FUN, EVEN WHEN THINGS GET SCARY OR WEIRD.
I'VE BEEN COOPED UP INDOORS ALL WEEK TALKING TO SQUIRRELS, AND SHE GETS TO GO TO HER SCHOOL AND HANG OUT WITH HER FRIENDS AND GET INTO ALL SORTS A WACKY HIJINKS.
TALKING TO SQUIRRELS?
I BET SHE'S BUTTING HORNS WITH SOME KINDA EVIL DEMONIC CREEP RIGHT NOW!
PLEASE REPEAT THAT LOUDER, SO THE WHOLE CLASS CAN HEAR.
...I CAN'T PRESENT MY PROJECT TODAY.

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ALL OF MY EQUIPMENT HAD TO BE RECALIBRATED TO ANALYZE THE NANOMACHINES.
HAS YOUR PROJECT CHANGED FOCUS FROM COSMETICS TO NANO-MACHINES?
NO, I JUST HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO WORK ON BOTH--
YOU HAD THREE WEEKS BEFORE LAST FRIDAY'S FUNDRAISER. DID YOU MAKE ANY PROGRESS IN THAT TIME?
I SUCCEEDED IN CHANGING MY HAIR COLOR AND MAKING IT GROW FASTER.
CAN YOU PROVE THAT ISN'T JUST A SIDE-EFFECT OF YOUR TRANSFORMATION?
NO, BUT--
FAILURE TO REACH PRE-ESTABLISHED GOALS. FAILURE TO DOCUMENT PROGRESS IN ANTICIPATION OF UNFORSEEN COMPLICATIONS.
FAILURE TO PRESENT AN IOTA OF NEW MATERIAL WHEN GIVEN A MONTH'S ADVANCE NOTICE.
IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME WHY PRINCIPAL ATTIC WANTS TO RECRUIT YOU FOR HER NEW CLASS.
NEW CLASS?
EXCUSE ME, PROFESSOR.
PERHAPS INSTEAD OF HUMILIATING CASS FOR ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES, I CAN PRESENT MY PROGRESS REPORT?
PROCEED, MR. ARCHER.

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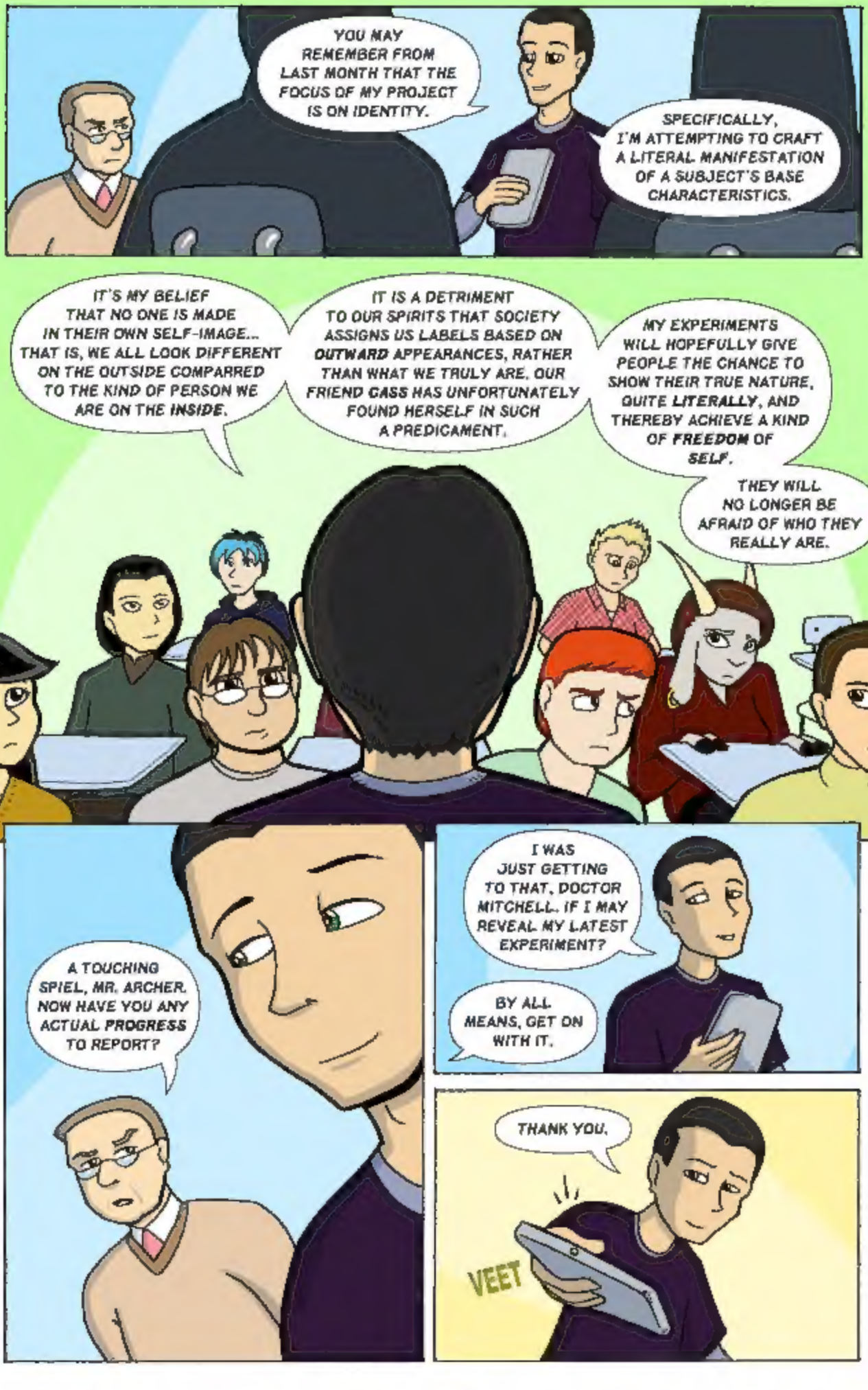
YOU MAY REMEMBER FROM LAST MONTH THAT THE FOCUS OF MY PROJECT IS ON IDENTITY.
SPECIFICALLY, I'M ATTEMPTING TO CRAFT A LITERAL MANIFESTATION OF A SUBJECT'S BASE CHARACTERISTICS.
IT'S MY BELIEF THAT NO ONE IS MADE IN THEIR OWN SELF-IMAGE... THAT IS, WE ALL LOOK DIFFERENT ON THE OUTSIDE COMPARED TO THE KIND OF PERSON WE ARE ON THE INSIDE.
IT IS A DETRIMENT TO OUR SPIRITS THAT SOCIETY ASSIGNS US LABELS BASED ON OUTWARD APPEARANCES, RATHER THAN WHAT WE TRULY ARE. OUR FRIEND CASS HAS UNFORTUNATELY FOUND HERSELF IN SUCH A PREDICAMENT.
MY EXPERIMENTS WILL HOPEFULLY GIVE PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR TRUE NATURE, QUITE LITERALLY, AND THEREBY ACHIEVE A KIND OF FREEDOM OF SELF.
THEY WILL NO LONGER BE AFRAID OF WHO THEY REALLY ARE.
A TOUCHING SPIEL, MR. ARCHER. NOW HAVE YOU ANY ACTUAL PROGRESS TO REPORT?
I WAS JUST GETTING TO THAT, DOCTOR MITCHELL. IF I MAY REVEAL MY LATEST EXPERIMENT?
BY ALL MEANS, GET ON WITH IT.
THANK YOU.
VEET

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I HAVE DISCOVERED A METHOD OF ALTERING A HUMAN BODY ON THE SUB-DERMAL LEVEL OVER A NUMBER OF DAYS AND WEEKS TO ACHIEVE A TRANSFORMATION THAT IS SIMULTANEOUSLY PAINLESS AND DISCRETE.
IMPRESSIVELY, EVEN THE SUBJECT HIMSELF REMAINED UNAWARE OF THE PROCESS.
SIMPLY ENTER A COMMAND INTO THIS TABLET, RELAYED TO REMOTE TRIGGERS DEPOSITED IN THE ORIGINAL EPIDERMIS, AND...
...HE IS REBORN.
THE SHEDDING PROCESS HAS BEEN TOTALLY THEORETICAL UNTIL NOW SO I CANNOT GUARANTEE HOW LONG THIS WILL TAKE.
IF YOU COULD BE PATIENT FOR JUST A MOMENT ..

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NO NEED TO FEIGN SHOCK. I KNOW MOST OF YOU WERE SILENTLY WISHING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS.
ALONG WITH CREATING A PHYSICAL "TRUE" SELF, MY EXPERIMENTS OFFER THE FRINGE BENEFIT OF POETIC JUSTICE.
NOW EVERYONE WILL KNOW FROM THE VERY FIRST GLANCE THAT DR. MITCHELL IS A SECOND RATE SNAKE
HNGGG...
HSSSSSSSSSS

ALL RISE.
COURT IS NOW IN SESSION.
THE HONORABLE GEROLD T ROCKMORE PRESIDING.
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO RECONSIDER YOUR PLEA.
COURT WILL COME TO ORDER TO HEAR THE CASE OF JENNIFER ATTIC V MORTIMER MONTOVARIUS. I'M STILL WORKING MY WAY THROUGH THE BRIEFS...
AND AGAIN, I REFUSE.
YOU'RE PAID TO DO WHAT I TELL YOU, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND
YOUR FATHER PAYS MY FEES, SIR AND HE WOULD NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU BEHIND BARS.
[redacted] HOW HE NEVER WANTS TO SEE ME, PERIOD, I DON'T THINK THAT'S A COMPELLING ARGUMENT
...SO PLEASE HAVE MERCY ON THIS POOR JUDGE BY TRANSLATING YOUR TECHNOBABBLE INTO PLAIN ENGLISH.
I HAVE A HARD ENOUGH TIME UNDERSTANDING [redacted].
NOW, DEFENSE, ON THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST YOU, HOW DO YOU PLEAD?
GUILTY, YOUR HONOR.

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EXCUSE ME, YOUR HONOR. MAY WE APPROACH THE BENCH?
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO MAKE THAT OFFER?
ALL RIGHT, IF THE DEFENSE AGREES...
THE PROSECUTION RECOGNIZES THE DEFENSE S CANDIDNESS FOR HIS RESPONSIBILITY IN LAST FRIDAY S INCIDENT IN THE SCHOOL S AUDITORIUM. AND IS OFFERING A COMPROMISE
THE DEFENSE MAY ACCEPT THEIR PROPOSAL...
...IN LIEU OF THE STANDARD MINIMUM ONE YEAR PRISON SENTENCE.
THE PROSECUTION MAY NAME ITS TERMS.

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ARGO, WHAT THE HELL, MAN?
AWESOME!
I'M GONNA BE SICK..
HSSSSS
CAN YOU CHANGE HIM BACK?
THE TRANSFORMATION WILL REVERT ITSELF WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. IT'S COMPLETELY SAFE.
YOU SHOULD MAKE IT PERMANENT HE MIGHT LEARN A LESSON.
DUDE! YEAH, HE'S A DICK. BUT YOU SERIOUSLY THINK HE DESERVES THIS?
INTERESTING... SOME OF YOU DON'T APPROVE. I THOUGHT I WAS ACTING IN DEFENSE OF THE CLASS.
DON'T LISTEN TO THEM, ARGO. THEY'RE SOFTIES.
SO, ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO THIS TO ANY OF THE OTHER TEACHERS?
'CUZ I COULD GIVE YOU SOME SUGGESTIONS.
NO! ARGO, PLEASE CHANGE HIM BACK! DON'T YOU SEE HOW WRONG THIS IS?
NO, KATSUKO I REALLY DON'T YOU GUYS HATED DR. MITCHELL.
NONE OF YOU HAD VOICED A WORD IN HIS FAVOR UNTIL RIGHT NOW
SPEAKING OF PEOPLE WE HATE, CASS. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DO THE SAME THING TO MORTY?
I UNDERSTAND HE IS COMING HERE LATER TO HELP ASSIST WITH YOUR DNA CRISIS. I HAVE A VERY APPROPRIATE TRANS-FORMATION READY TO BE DEPLOYED.
YOU CAN EVEN DO THE HONORS YOURSELF.
CHANGE THE PROFESSOR BACK RIGHT NOW.
I BEG YOUR PARDON?
RIGHT NOW.

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HOW MUCH LONGER WE GOTTA WAIT?
COUPLE HOURS, PROBABLY
MORTY IS COMING TO HELP US GO OVER YOUR TEST RESULTS.
Y'KNOW I LIKE BEING A SQUIRREL. IF YOU GUYS RE SO INTERESTED IN HELPING ANYONE, IT SHOULD BE CASS.
THIS IS GOING TO HELP BOTH OF YOU
CAN I ASK YOU SOME THING?
WHY HAVEN T YOU TRIED FLYING YET?
BECAUSE I'M NOT ALLOWED.
LOOK.
I'VE BEEN CLIMBING MY BEDROOM WALLS EVERY NIGHT IT S AWESOME
YOU'RE THIRTEEN, AND YOU'RE A FLYING SQUIRREL. HAVE SOME FUN ALREADY
SHOULDN'T YOU BE ON CASS' SIDE?
THERE S NO "SIDES." CASS IS TRYING TO BE A GOOD SISTER, BUT HER OVERPROTECTIVENESS IS DENYING YOU THE RIGHT TO BE A KID.
I'M NOT SAYING JUMP OFF A CLIFF JUST TEST IT OUT
ENJOY WHAT'S BEEN GIVEN TO YOU.
ping!
WHAT'S UP?
From Cass
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I THINK CASS JUST WENT OVER THAT CLIFF

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YOU ASK ME...
...YOU ASK ME IF MORTY SHOULD BE TURNED INTO A MUTANT FREAK? I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THAT WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK DR. MITCHELL IF HE'D LIKE TO BE TURNED INTO A SNAKE?
WHY DIDN'T MORTY ASK ME IF I'D LIKE TO BE TURNED INTO AN UGLY, FLOPPY EARED GOAT WITH FACIAL HAIR?
BECAUSE IF YOU WERE FAIR TO UNFAIR PEOPLE, THEY'D CONTINUE WALKING ALL OVER YOU.
IF YOU DON'T CHANGE HIM BACK, I'LL TAKE YOUR FANCY COMPUTER AND DO IT MYSELF.
INADVISABLE. I'D BE FORCED TO DEFEND MYSELF
AND BELIEVE ME, CASS, I CAN.
IT'S THAT LONER GUY, ARGO ARCHER. LOOKS LIKE HE TURNED SOME BODY INTO A SNAKE.
WICKED! SO, HOW DO WE SAVE THE DAY?
GO FIND ANOTHER TEACHER.
I CAN JUMP OFF THE ROOF, GLIDE DOWN AND SMASH THROUGH THE WINDOW TO DISTRACT HIM, AND THEN YOU GUYS CAN TAKE HIM DOWN!
FLINT, GET HELP AND STAY SAFE. CASS WOULD KILL ME IF I PUT YOU IN DANGER.
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T TAKING SIDES.
DEMETRIUS, FLINT'S WITH YOU. HERE'S THE PLAN...

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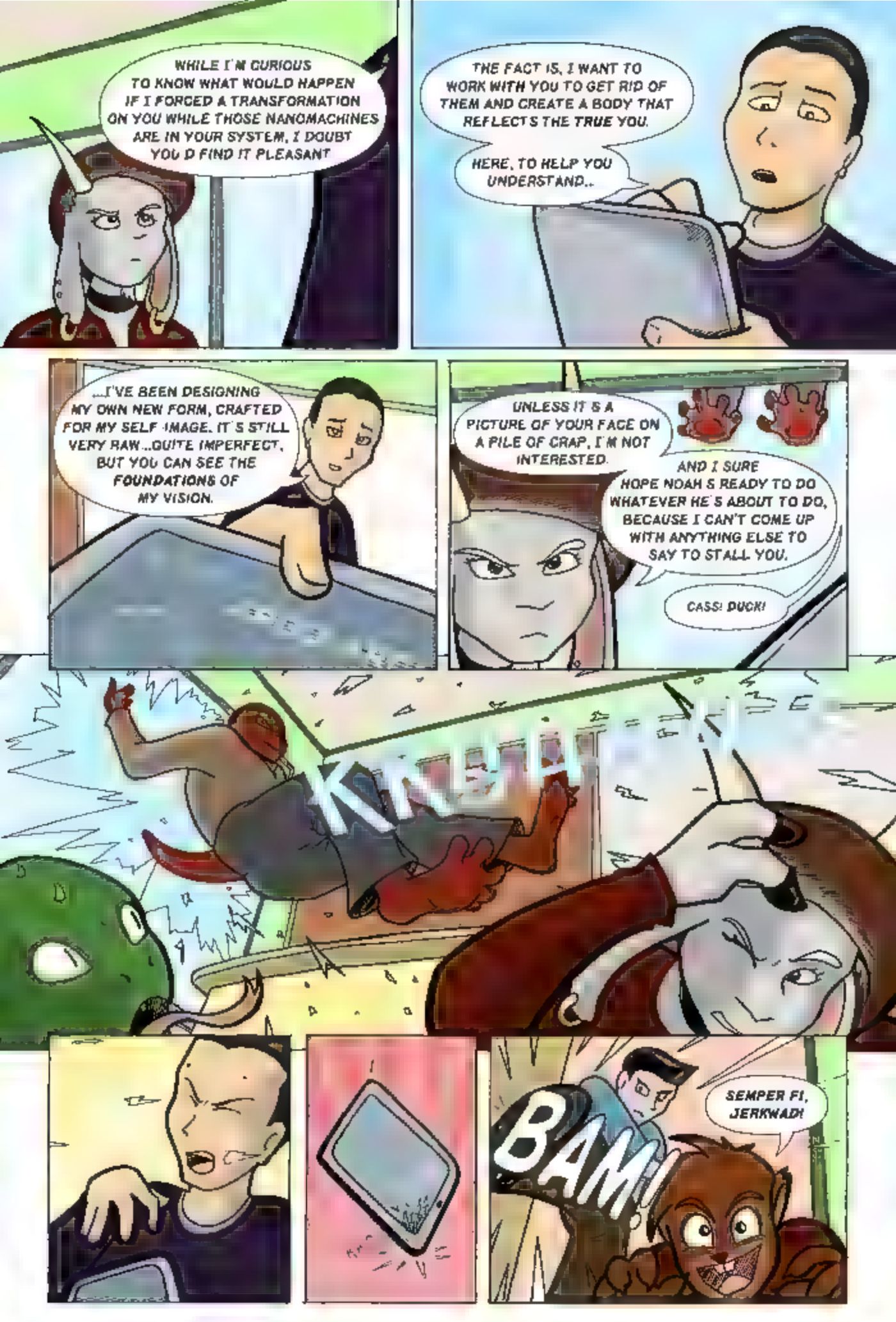
WHILE I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I FORCED A TRANSFORMATION ON YOU WHILE THOSE NANOMACHINES ARE IN YOUR SYSTEM, I DOUBT YOU'D FIND IT PLEASANT.
THE FACT IS, I WANT TO WORK WITH YOU TO GET RID OF THEM AND CREATE A BODY THAT REFLECTS THE TRUE YOU.
HERE, TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND...
...I'VE BEEN DESIGNING MY OWN NEW FORM, CRAFTED FOR MY SELF-IMAGE. IT'S STILL VERY RAW...QUITE IMPERFECT, BUT YOU CAN SEE THE FOUNDATIONS OF MY VISION.
UNLESS IT'S A PICTURE OF YOUR FACE ON A PILE OF CRAP, I'M NOT INTERESTED.
AND I SURE HOPE NOAH'S READY TO DO WHATEVER HE'S ABOUT TO DO, BECAUSE I CAN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY TO STALL YOU.
CASS! DUCK!
KNEE!
BAM!
SEMPER FI, JERKWAD!

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BACK AWAY!
I...RRRGG...
ONLY WRRR.. WANTED TO HELP!
GEEZ, WHAT HAPPENED?
THE SAME THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING TO ALL OF US.

THEN WE LL SEE YOU WHEN YOU GET HERE.
LOVE YOU TOO.
HEY. DOCTOR ATTIC JUST ARRIVED.
GREAT. MOM AND DAD ARE LEAVING THE AIRPORT
DID YOU...?
YEAH, I TOLD THEM. YOU WERE RIGHT
THEY MIGHT BE SCIENTISTS, BUT THEY'RE ALSO HUMAN BEINGS. IF I TRY TO IGNORE THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF EVERYTHING THAT S HAPPENED, I LL TURN OUT JUST LIKE ARGO.
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE WHAT LITTLE HUMANITY I'VE GOT LEFT
YOU'VE GOT A LOT LEFT
SO YOU GAVE UP THE BRAID, HUH?
IT NEVER WAS MY STYLE...
I ALWAYS HATED LABELS... AND NOW I'VE TRIED SO HARD TO BLEND IN I ENDED UP BROAD CASTING MYSELF AS A "VICTIM." ARGO KEYED IN ON THAT.
IT'S TIME TO GO BACK TO CRAZY CLOTHES AND NEON HAIR.
YEAH! MY SISTER'S FINALLY BACK!
AND SO ARE MOM AND DAD. THEY LL BE HERE SOON.
THEY'RE COMING HERE?
THEY'VE GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS. HERE WE'VE GOT PEOPLE WITH KNOW-HOW AND AUTHORITY TO GIVE THEM REASSURING ANSWERS.

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IF WHAT ARGO SAID WAS CORRECT DR. MITCHELL WILL BE STUCK THE WAY HE IS FOR A WHILE. WE'RE SETTING UP AN ISOLATION LAB TO KEEP HIM COMFORTABLE UNTIL THE CHANGE REVERTS ITSELF
AS FOR ARGO, HIS PARENTS SAY HE HASN T GONE HOME.
THE POLICE WERE TOLD TO KEEP AN EYE OUT, BUT THERE S NO TELLING WHAT TO EVEN LOOK FOR.
JUST TELL 'EM TO ARREST ANYONE HUGE AND SCARY WITH CLAWS.
AND MAYBE RED GLOWY EYES.
DOCTOR, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
DR. MITCHELL MENTIONED...SOME NEW CLASS? AND THAT YOU WERE CONSIDERING ME.
I M CONSIDERING ALL OF YOU. AS WELL AS YOUR FRIEND ASHTON AND SEVERAL OTHERS.
YOU LL LEARN THE DETAILS NEXT WEEK, BUT SUFFICE IT TO SAY IT S THE FIRST STEP TO TAKING A PROACTIVE STANCE AGAINST THE CRISES WE'VE ALL BEEN GOING THROUGH.
NEW SCHEDULES WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH OF YOU ON MONDAY. I M SORRY, BUT YOUR PARTI CIPATION IN THIS CLASS IS MANDATORY
AND THAT INCLUDES YOU, MR. MONTOVARIUS, AS A CONDITION OF YOUR REINSTATEMENT.
RE-IN-WHAT-MENT?!
HOW? WHY?!
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW?
MUA HA HA HA...
AHEM' PERHAPS WE CAN DISCUSS THAT AT A MORE APPROPRIATE TIME.
GASP!

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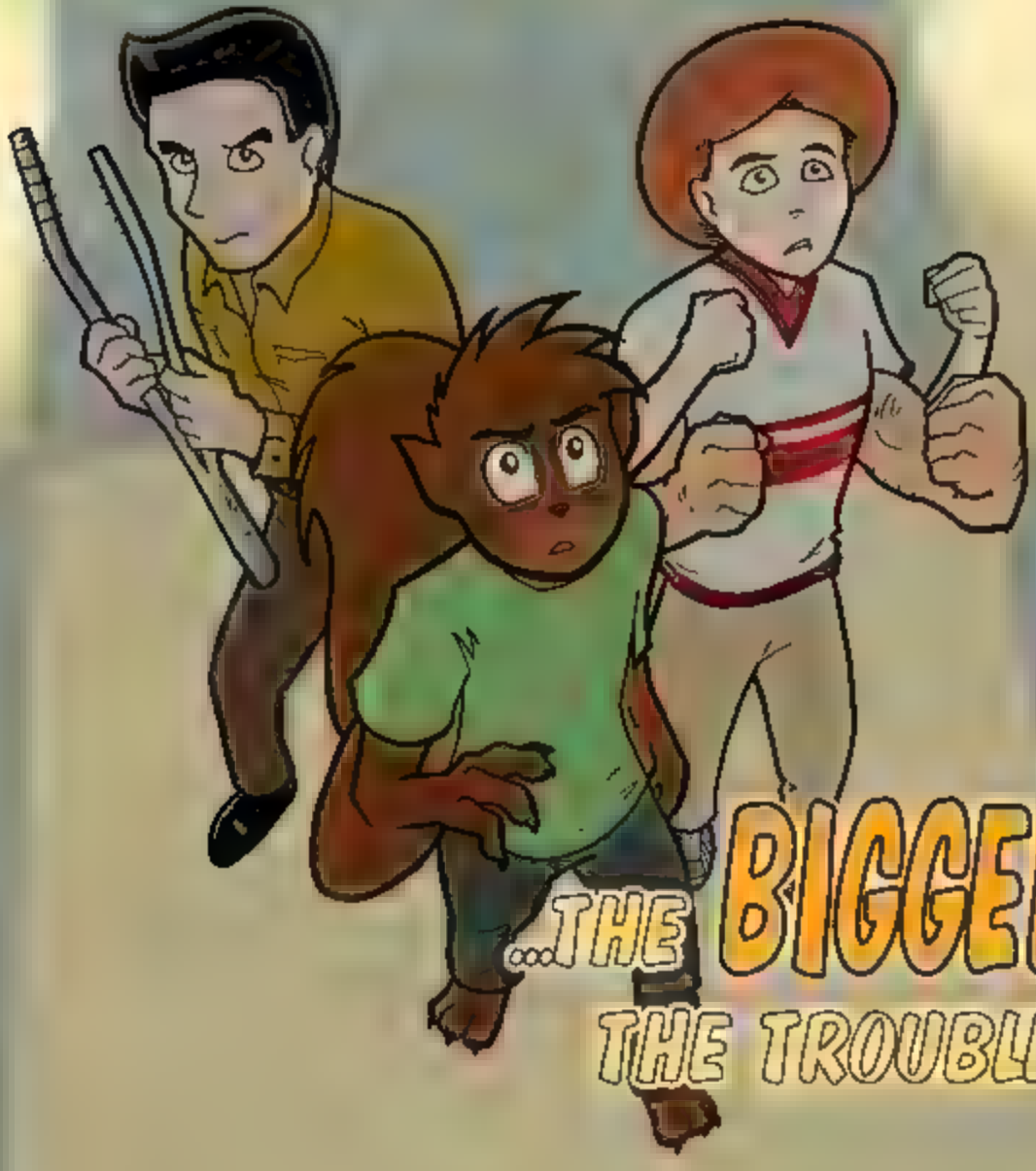

...THE BIGGER THE TROUBLE!

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UH... IT WAS FOR SCIENCE?
SIGH
FLINT, CLIMB DOWN FROM THERE! YOU SHOULDN'T BE ON HIGH BRANCHES. I DON'T CARE IF YOU ARE A SQUIRREL.
YOU SAID IT WAS INCREDIBLY STUPID AND DANGEROUS.
FLYING SQUIRREL.
MOMS, AM I RIGHT?
YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE WITH YOUR MOM FOR A LONG TIME, AREN'T YOU?
BECAUSE THE LAWS OF PHYSICS SAY THAT YOU D DROP LIKE A SACK OF POTATOES!
YOU WON'T?
SQUIRRELS DON'T KEEP FAMILIES LIKE YOU DO.
AFTER THIS WINTER I'LL BE GROWN UP AND SET OUT ON MY OWN. I MAY NEVER SEE MY MOM OR SISTERS AGAIN.
DID YOU CUT UP YOUR WETSUIT?
I WAS FINE WITH THAT.. BEFORE I MET YOU AND LEARNED ABOUT THINGS LIKE DADS AND FRIENDS.
IT MUST BE NICE.
YEAH. IT IS.
GO CHANGE. WE'RE DUE AT THE SCHOOL IN HALF AN HOUR.

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"SO WHAT DOES HAVING WOOL FEEL LIKE?"
"HOT, BUT SOFT LIKE I'M ALWAYS IN A SNUGGIE."
SIMON THOMAS ATTIC HALL
THAT MUST BE AWESOME.
YOU THINK? TRY WEARING A SWEATER THE NEXT TIME YOU SHOWER.
MR. ATTIC AND HIS CAMERA CREW ARE IN THE LOBBY I KEEP ASKING FOR AN INTERVIEW BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM INTERESTED IN MY TEDDY BEARS.
SOMETHING BUGGING YOU, M?
OUR MYSTERIOUS NEW TEACHER IS LATE
AS IF IT'S NOT BAD ENOUGH I'M FORCED TO ENDURE THE COMPANY OF BLITHERING SIMPLETONS.
YEAH, YOU HAVE IT SO ROUGH.
THANK YOU, ASHTON. FINALLY SOMEONE UNDERSTANDS
I'LL UNDERSTAND BETTER IF I PUT THESE FOUR FISTS IN YOUR FACE!
LET ME STOP YOU RIGHT THERE, MR. ACKERMAN.
R ATTIC
CLASS IS NOW IN SESSION.

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DOCTOR ATTIC?
YOU'RE TEACHING THIS CLASS?
IT SEEMED TO BE THE APPROPRIATE CHOICE. I M DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING TEENAGERS ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY THAT ALLOWED THEM TO WREAK HAVOC ON OUR LIVES.
I ACCEPT THAT THE CURRICULUM PLACES INCREDIBLE DEMANDS ON EVERYONE, WHICH LEADS SOME TO MAKE UNWISE CHOICES THAT COULD DO HARM... OR WORSE.
YOU SIX ARE THE FINEST STUDENTS IN THE GENETICS DEPARTMENT YOUR TEACHERS SPEAK HIGHLY OF YOU. BUT SCIENCE ISN T JUST ABOUT MAKING NEW DISCOVERIES AND INVENTIONS.
IT S REALLY ABOUT BETTERING MANKIND.
IN THIS CLASS, YOU WILL BE GRADED ON JUST ONE THING:
IS THIS WORLD A LITTLE BIT BETTER AT THE END OF EACH WEEK BECAUSE OF SOMETHING YOU HAVE DONE?
HI, FLINT!
AND HELLO, MR. AND MRS. CALLOWAY PLEASE HAVE A SEAT AND SOMEONE WILL BE ALONG TO TAKE YOU TO THE TESTING LAB.
THE CALLOWAYS! WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS TO MEET YOU!
MAY I HAVE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME?

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YOU ARE...?
SINBAD ATTIC, DOCUMENTARIAN. I'D LOVE TO GET A FAMILY'S PERSPECTIVE ON ALL THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING.
UH, MR. ATTIC, WE'RE
I M THINKING WE CAN SIT THE FOUR OF YOU DOWN AND HAVE A NICE HEARTFELT--
MR. ATTIC, NOW'S NOT THE RIGHT
OH BELIEVE ME, MRS. CALLOWAY, I UNDERSTAND.
MY DAUGHTER KERIS WENT THROUGH THE SAME EXACT THING. BUT TALKING ABOUT IT MIGHT
WE'RE NOT INTER ESTED.
MEEP.
CRUNCH
WATCH IT, DUDE! THIS IS A PROTOTYPE!
IT'S OKAY, I'M GOOD!
NOW IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, DON'T HESI- TATE TO-
SLAM!
HERE, YOU MIGHT WANT THESE.
ASPIRIN?
I TAKE SOME WHENEVER MR. ATTIC GETS WITHIN TWENTY FEET OF THIS OFFICE

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...FINALLY, YOU WILL BE REVIEWING OTHER STUDENTS' WORK TO DETERMINE IF THEY MEET ACCEPTIBLE ETHICAL CODES.
TODAY, HUGH AND LAWRENCE SIMONE ARE GOING TO GIVE US A DEMO OF THEIR PROPOSED "QUANTUM RECONFIGURER."
ASHTON, DEMETRIUS AND MORTIMER, PLEASE SET UP FLINT IN LAB THREE AND MEET US IN LAB ONE AS SOON AS YOU CAN.
SURE THING.
I CAN GO INSTEAD...
NO, I GOT THIS.
OUTRAGEOUS. HALF THE BOOKS ON OUR REQUIRED READING LIST ARE SCIENCE FICTION!
GEE, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE THE THEMES OF SCI-FI STORIES ARE RELEVANT TO
GAH! DAMMIT, HANDS!
STILL HAVING REJECTION ISSUES, I SEE.
YOU'RE LUCKY I CAN'T PUNCH YOU RIGHT NOW.
DON'T YOU THINK YOU WENT A BIT HARD ON HIM?
I COULDN'T HELP IT. I WAS...
THIS WHOLE SITUATION DISTURBS ME. WHAT IF THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING?
CAUTION
CUIDADO
WE SHOULD CHECK EVERYTHING OVER AND MAKE SURE SIN DIDN'T BREAK SOMETHING.
I SURE HOPE NOT. SHE'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE. WE'LL CHECK WHAT WE CAN, BUT IT'S GOTTA BE READY

HEY! WHAT'S THAT THING?
MEET CYNTHIA, FLYNN.
FLINT.
DEMETRIUS GENETICALLY PROGRAMMED HER TO TRACK AND EAT HOUSEHOLD VERMIN SHE'S SIX DAYS OLD, BUT WE THINK SHE LL BE READY FOR FIELD TESTS NEXT WEEK.
NOT MUCH PRY!
CAN I PET HER?
NEGATORY
HER BIOCAPSULE IS MAG-SEALED. ONLY DEMETRIUS CAN OPEN IT, AND SINCE SHE S STILL DEVELOPING, HE WON T ALLOW IT.
NO DOUBT YOU RE WATCHING SO CLOSELY TO MAKE SURE I FULFILL THE PROMISE I MADE TO YOUR FAMILY.
I WAS JUST ADMIRING THE EQUIPMENT
PLEASE SPARE ME, MR. CALLOWAY I'VE SEEN THAT LOOK ON MY FATHER S FACE MANY TIMES.
I GAVE YOU MY WORD AND I WILL HONOR IT.
FOUND WHAT BROKE. IT S JUST A CONVERTER SWITCH. WE WON'T EVEN BE USING IT FOR THE DEMO.
AWESOME, CUZ IT S SHOWTIME.

OUR QUANTUM FACSIMILIFIER IS CAPABLE OF DECREASING THE SIZE OF AND DISTANCES BETWEEN A PERSON OR OBJECT'S ATOMS, WITHOUT ALTERING ITS SHAPE OR STATE.
THIS, UM, PROVIDES LIMITLESS FUNCTIONS, SUCH AS, UM, MORE EFFICIENT STORAGE, OR EXPLORING THE WORLD MORE, UM, CLOSELY
YOU BUILT A SHRINK RAY
PLEASE ENTER THE TEST CHAMBER NOW.
HEY, UH, MORTY?
WHAT?
I KNOW YOU PICKED A GOAT FOR CASS TO TURN INTO 'CUZ OF HER NAME, BUT WHY DID YOU WANT TO TURN DEMETRIUS INTO A FLYING SQUIRREL?
THINK LESS "RAY" AND MORE "BUBBLE," THIS ACTUALLY ALTERS REALITY AROUND A SUBJECT AT THE QUANTUM LEVEL.
RELATIVE TO ITS OWN, UM, "QUANTUM BUBBLE," THE, UM, SUBJECT'S MOLECULES, UM, BEHAVE AS IF THEY'RE, UM, NORMAL SIZE.
EXCUSE ME... I'M KATSUKO.
SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT EVEN IF THAT WERE POSSIBLE, WOULDN'T SHRINKING THE SUBJECT GENERATE INTENSE RADIATION?
QUESTIONS LATER. TEST FIRST
OKAY, THE SCANNER IS WARMING UP
WAIT, I WANT TO HEAR THIS.
IS FLINT TELLING THE TRUTH? DID YOU TURN HER INTO A GOAT BECAUSE WE NAMED HER "CASHMERE?"
YOU'RE CORRECT, BUT WE'VE MANAGED TO NULLIFY THAT RADIATION.
WATCH AS WE SHRINK THIS FIGURINE.
VUB
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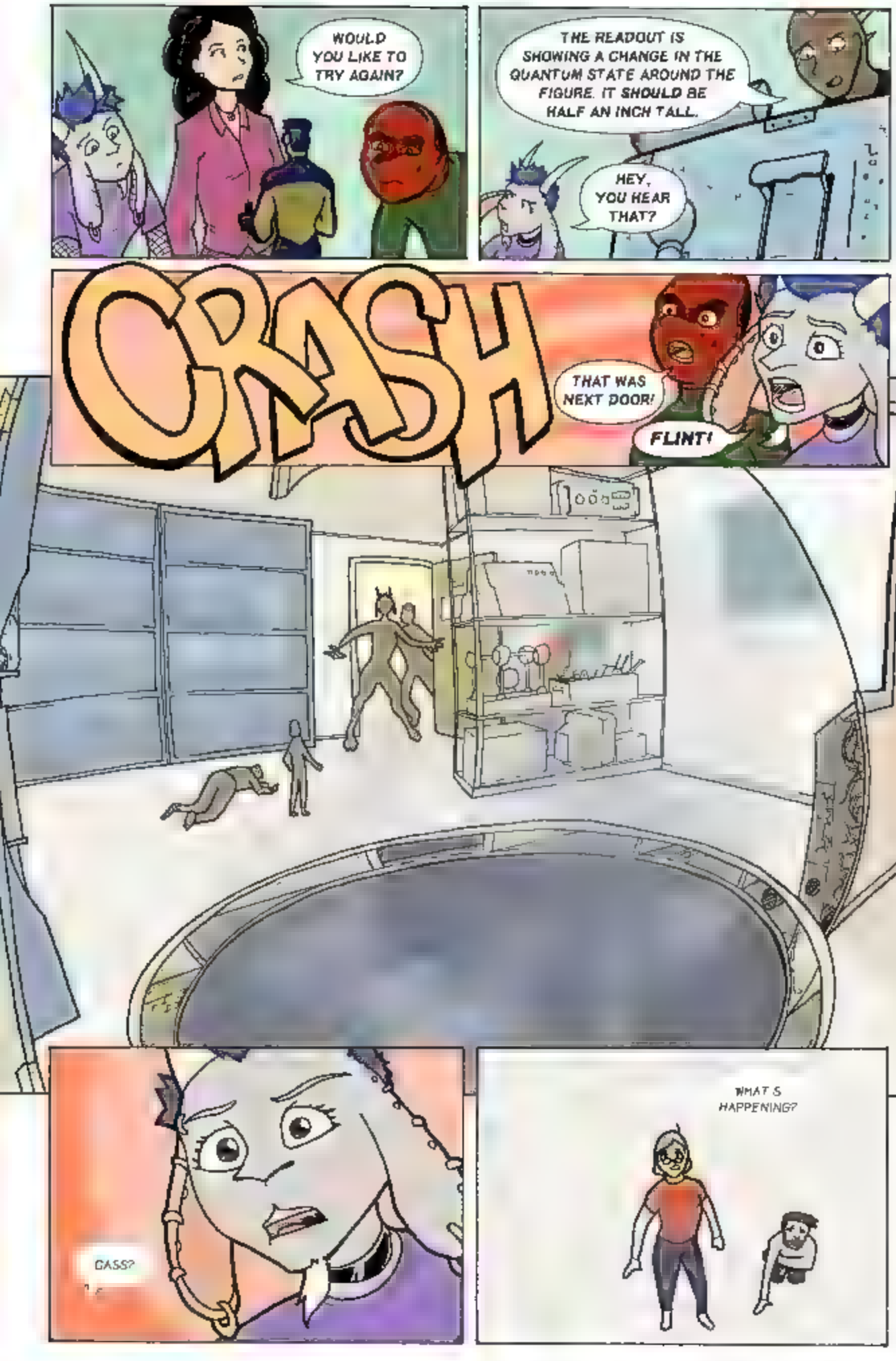
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I... I DON'T KNOW, EVERYTHING JUST DIED.
EEEUGH. ANYONE ELSE FEEL...
.. THAT ..?
NOT FELT...
...BUT THERE WAS DEFINITELY A MOMENTARY CHANGE IN THE MAGNETIC FIELDS IN THIS ROOM.
YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT KILLED THE SCANNER?
NO, THAT'S WHAT KILLED THE SCANNER.
WHAT THE HECK?
GGGRRRK-K-K-
ARE YOU SEEING THIS?
EVERYBODY OUT
UH... GUYS?
GET OUT!


WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY AGAIN?
THE READOUT IS SHOWING A CHANGE IN THE QUANTUM STATE AROUND THE FIGURE. IT SHOULD BE HALF AN INCH TALL.
HEY, YOU HEAR THAT?
CRASH
THAT WAS NEXT DOOR!
FLINT!
GASS?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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GASP!
GUYS! I KNOW WE JUST GOT LIKE DROPPED THROUGH THE FLOOR, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO HEAR THIS! I THINK WE'RE-
SOMEONE SHUT THAT THING UP! MY HEAD HURTS AS IT IS.
AND NOW IT'S GOING THROUGH MELTDOWN.

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DID WE... SHRINK?
NO. NOPE. NO NO NO.
WE DID! I SAW STUFF GETTING BIGGER BEFORE THE FLOOR FELL OUT
WE SHOULD RATHER BE FROZEN CHUNKS OF ATOMS, OR COLLAPSED INTO BLACK HOLES! "SHRINKING," AS YOU LAYMEN BELIEVE IT TO BE, IS SCIENTIFICALLY IMPOSSIBLE.
HE SAID TO THE TALKING SQUIRREL.
I REFUSE TO MOVE FROM THIS SPOT UNTIL THE UNIVERSE DECIDES TO MAKE SENSE
THEY'RE BARELY AN INCH TALL NOW! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
DON'T SHOUT... STRONG NOISE WAVES PROBABLY SOUND LIKE SONIC BOOMS TO THEM
OH GEEZ SORRY MOM AND DAD.
UM... ISN'T THIS WHERE DEMETRIUS WAS KEEPING HIS NEWEST PROJECT?
IF I GUESS CORRECTLY DO I GET TO LIVE?

MMMRRROWHHSSSS!
ZIG!
ZAG!
SHELF!
THE SCHOOL ITSELF MUST HAVE GOTTEN LARGER. THAT'D BE MUCH EASIER TO ACCOMPLISH ON A MOLECULAR LEVEL.
ALTHOUGH THE ENERGY REQUIRED WOULD BE NEARLY INFINITE
WOULD YOU GIVE IT A FREAKING REST?!

CAN YOU HELP US?! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
I DON'T THINK SHE CAN HEAR US. WE CAN'T SHOUT LOUD ENOUGH.
GOTTA GO. WE'LL FIX THIS.
CAN WE FIX THIS?
LLLAWRENC C CE?
EVEN IF WE KNEW WHAT WENT WRONG...WHOEVER FELL DOWN THERE IS NOW OUTSIDE THE ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE FIELD OF THE DEVICE
THEY'VE LEFT THE "BUBBLE." OR, MAYBE THEY TOOK THE "BUBBLE" WITH THEM. SPLITTING IT UP INTO SMALLER "BUBBLES," EACH ONE KEEPING THAT PERSON SMALL...
POP THE DAMN BUBBLE METAPHOR AND JUST TELL US HOW WE CAN SAVE MY FAMILY!
HUGH AND I FIRST NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE MACHINE.
D DO THAT. CASS-S-S-S AND-D I W-WILLL--
NOAH, ARE YOU SHIVERING?
NOAH!
HHH-H-G-G-G-G..

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YOU GUYS ARE SUPERGENIUSES.
HOW DO WE GET PAST THAT THING AND GET BACK TO NORMAL?
SQUIRREL S GOT A POINT, DEE. ANY IDEAS?
SHE LL EAT YOU ALIVE!
I GET THAT YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR HER. IN A WAY, YOU'RE LIKE HER FATHER
BUT IF THAT S TRUE...
...THEN SO AM I.
ALRIGHT, CYNTHIA! COME GET
...SUH-WUHH?
SCURRY!

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NOAH! WHAT IS IT?!
THE SALAMANDER TRANSFORMATION... HIS BLOOD IS CHANGING FROM WARM TO COLD!
IT S SHOCKING HIS SYSTEM!
F F FREEZINNNG!
WHAT DO WE DO?
LET ME HELP NOAH. YOU STAY FOCUSED ON THE SHRINKING PROBLEM.
BUT NOAH--!
SLIP
IS NOT IN MORTAL DANGER. THE OTHERS ARE. I'VE GOT THIS.
HELLO? SECURITY, I NEED ANIMAL CONTROL TO ROOM 163 RIGHT NOW
MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A SKELETON KEY. IT'S ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL ACCESS.
HH- HOT!
TRANSFER ME TO THE NURSE S OFFICE.
WARM TO COLD.
SCURRY, HOW DID YOU GET HERE?
I HID IN YOUR BACKPACK SO I COULD SEE WHERE YOU GO. WHEN I HEARD THAT CRASH, I BROKE OUT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED.
THIS IS SO GREAT! NOW WE CAN BE EVEN BETTER FRIENDS!
GGGK!

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LET'S GO BACK HOME! YOU HAVE TO SEE MY NEST!
CHILLAX FOR A SEC! WE'VE GOT KIND OF A PROB LEM HERE...
SCRITTER!
SCRITTER
SCRITTER
SCRITTER
SCRITTER
SQUAK!
UH, EXCUSE ME... BUT WHERE'S CYNTHIA?
DID YOU SEE A GREEN CAT/SNAKE THING?
OH YEAH! SHE'S PROWLING SHE'LL CIRCLE BACK SOON.
SHE'S CIRCLING US. WHY DOESN'T SHE JUST ATTACK?
COULD BE HER ENCODED INSTINCTS DIDN'T MANIFEST PROPERLY
THIS IS THE KIND OF THING WE PLANNED TO FIND AND CORRECT IN FIELD TESTS.
I THINK THE BIGGER QUESTION IS HOW CAN HE COMMUNICATE WITH A SQUIRREL? DNA DOESN'T TEACH LANGUAGES!
HE'D NEED WEEKS, IF NOT MONTHS OF TIME INTERACTING WITH
SO CYNTHIA'S COMING BACK ANY SECOND.
AND EVEN IF SHE'S MISPROGRAMMED, WE DON'T STAND MUCH CHANCE. WE'D NEED A TRANQUILIZER OR SOMETHING JUST TO SLOW HER DOWN.
SCURRY, YOU THINK YOU CAN CLIMB ME UP THERE?
SURE. CLAWS CAN'T GRIP, BUT I CAN JUMP SHELF TO SHELF
GUYS, WE'RE GONNA BAG US A CAT SNAKE.

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THIS IS HORRIBLE.
YOU HEARD HOW THE KIDS HANDLED THINGS WHILE WE WERE GONE. CASS WILL COME THROUGH FOR EVERYONE.
THAT DOESN'T MAKE THIS NOT HORRIBLE.
HEY! HEY!
FLINT?
I WAS FIVE AND YOU TOOK ME TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER I GOT INTO THE PILL CABINET?
...WHAT?!
THROW ME THE ASPIRIN!
LOOK. THAT RANDOM READING... IT'S BACKGROUND INTERFERENCE OUR LAB EQUIPMENT GIVES OFF!
IT ALTERED OUR TELEMETRY RATIOS!
NO WONDER THE AREA OF EFFECT WAS SO DIFFERENT
RADIATION!
CASS! WE KNOW WHAT WENT WRONG, BUT SINCE THEY'RE ALL IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS NOW I'M NOT SURE WE CAN TRIGGER A REVERSAL WITH OUR TRANSMITTER
YOU SAID YOU NULLIFIED THE SHRINKING RADIATION. HOW?
WE...UH, CONVERTED THE RADIATION INTO ENERGY TO SUSTAIN THE QUANTUM BUBBLE.
WHAT IF YOU CHANGED IT BACK?
FLINT'S SIGNALING. TIME FOR THE DISTRACTION.
GLADLY
MORTY, NO! I'M THE STRONGEST ONE HERE!
SCIENCE HAS FORSAKEN ME.
MY LIFE IS ALREADY OVER!
I SPIT MY LAST BREATH AT THEE!

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I'LL GET BETTER AT THAT
MMMUURRRHSSS ..
FRED!
FLINT
YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH.
THAT SHOULD DO IT NOW I JUST DISABLE THE TARGETING AND ALL THE QUANTUM ENERGY SIGNATURES WITHIN A HUNDRED FEET WILL REVERT TO RADIO-ACTIVE STATES.
LESS TALK, MORE MAKING PEOPLE BIGGER.
RRJRRRRR
SHE'S NOT GONNA DIE, IS SHE?
THIS...MIGHT BE A TEMPORARY REACTION.
YOU SHOULD GO AND HIDE AGAIN.

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HEY LOOK! WE'RE GETTING BIGGER!
CLICK
FANTASTIC. TWO MINUTES TOO LATE...
WHAT IN..?
RRURRRRR
OH THANK GOD.
CAN ONE OF YOU REGULAR-SIZED GUYS RUN TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE AND GET SOME EPICAC?
UH..
FAST! SHE'S SWALLOWED LIKE TWENTY ASPIRIN!
OKAY! ON IT!
WATCH HER... SHE'S PROBABLY TOO SICK TO MAKE SUDDEN MOVES, BUT WE CAN'T BE SURE.
FWUMP
I DECLARE THIS DAY TO HAVE BEEN A HORRIBLE DREAM.
THOSE WHO DISAGREE WILL BE TURNED INTO NEMATODES.

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THE NEXT DAY
SURPRISE!
WOAH!
FLINT?
IT'S TRUE?!
SCHWAY!
CAN YOU REALLY FLY?
I MISSED YOU GUYS SO MUCH!
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL
WHAT DID THE HOSPITAL SAY?
EVERYONE'S CLEAN. THE RADIATION EXPOSURE WAS MINIMAL.
NOAH'S BLOOD STABILIZED, TOO. AND I THINK HE AND CASS BECAME AN ITEM WHILE WE WERE GONE.
YOU THINK?
I CAN'T BELIEVE FLINT IS THIS EXCITED ABOUT TAKING CLASSES AGAIN.
HE'LL COME TO HIS SENSES WHEN HE SEES THE BACKLOG OF HOMEWORK.
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT CASS STAYING AT SCHOOL. BEING SHRUNK AND CHANGING INTO ANIMALS IS SHOCKING ENOUGH...
...BUT WHAT IF THE NEXT CRISIS IS LETHAL?
I'M SCARED TOO. BUT WE'VE SEEN OUR KIDS SAVE THE DAY
OUR KIDS.
"IF THERE'S ONE THING WE LEARNED, IT'S THAT THE CALLOWAYS ARE READY FOR ANYTHING."
THE END

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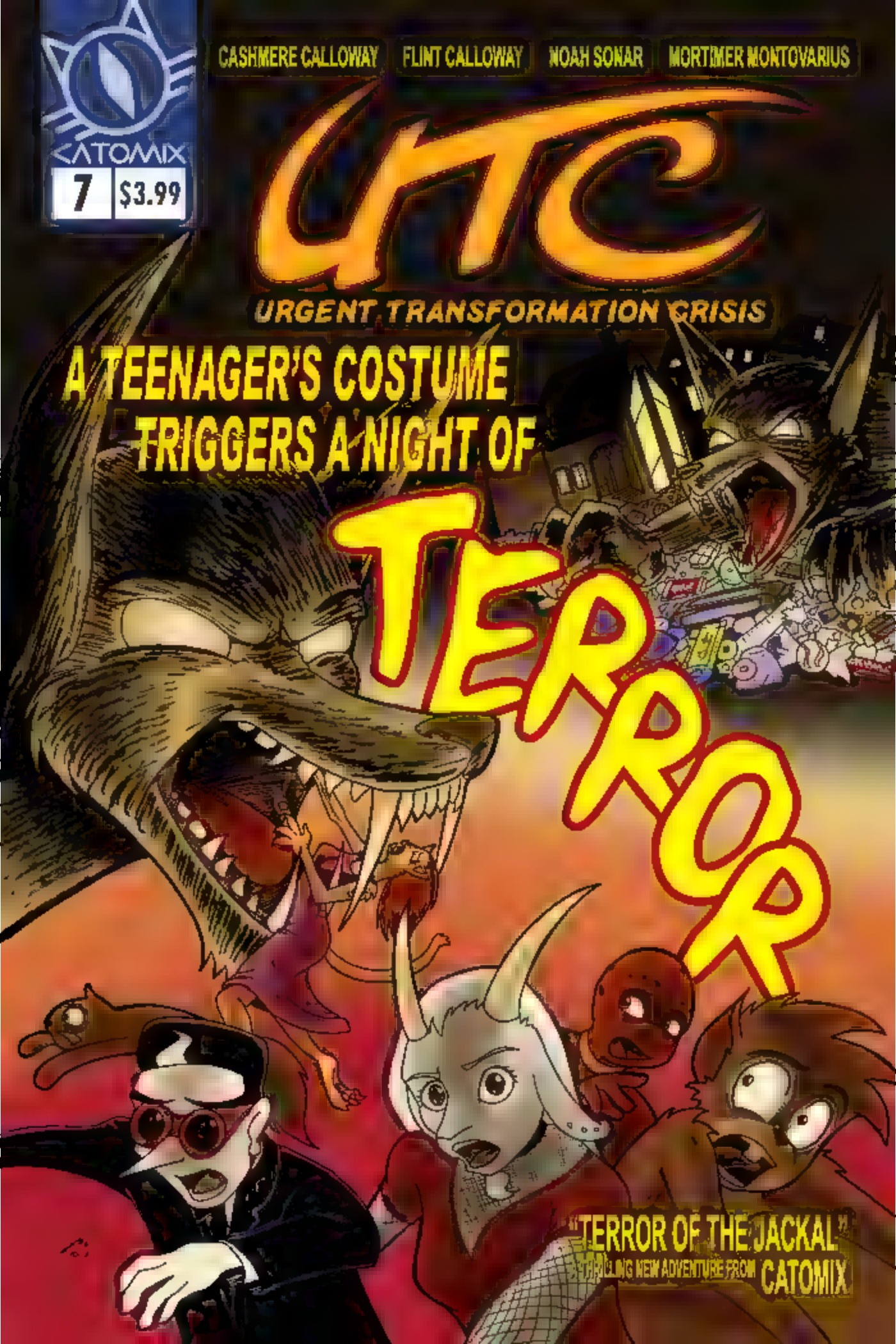
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TERROR
"TERROR OF THE JACKAL"
THRILLING NEW ADVENTURE FROM CATOMIX

'KAY, STACY'S IN. SHE JUST SNUCK OUT OF HER HOUSE.
TIGHT NOW IF ONLY JACK WOULD BE ON TIME FOR ONCE
I HEARD THAT
ACTUALLY WITH THESE EARS, I HEAR PRACTICALLY EVERY-THING
HOMBRE! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT COSTUME?
THE CORRECT QUESTION IS "HOW DID I GROW IT?"
MY SENIOR GENETICS PROJECT?
YOU GENTLEMEN ARE WITNESS TO MY FIRST FIELD TEST
MAN, THEY'RE GOING TO FLIP WHEN THEY SEE YOU!
LET ME GUESS... A JACKAL?
NATURALLY NOW ARE WE GONNA GET GOING OR WRRRUFF?
JACK?
NOTHING UM YOU GUYS HAVE ANY CANDY?
I GOT A MAD SUGAR CRAVRROWL!
WHAT THE HELL?
WHINE
BRRRROOWWWL!
JACK?
OH GOD!

TERROR OF THE JACKAL

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THE GENEROSITY OF YOUR NEIGHBORS IS UNBELIEVABLE, MR. SONAR!
IT'S ALL IN THE SPIRIT OF THE EVENING.
DO NOT BE FOOLED BY THEIR CONFECTIONARY BRIBES. EXPERIMENT THIRTEEN.
ON A NORMAL DAY THEY WOULDN'T EVEN WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU.
MORTY SERIOUSLY THIRTEEN NEEDS TO EXPERIENCE SOCIETY FOR HERSELF
BEING STUCK IN YOUR MANSION LISTENING TO THAT KIND OF CYNICISM IS NOT THE BEST WAY TO GROW UP
YEAH, TELL ME ABOUT IT
ISN'T THAT WHY YOU ASKED TO COME OUT TONIGHT?
Y-
FOR IT TO BE "PARANOIA," I WOULD NEED TO [redacted], WHICH I'M NOT
FEH. I NEVER SHOULD HAVE AGREED TO THIS. IS ANYONE ELSE FREEZING?
I HAVE WOOL.
I HAVE FUR
I'M COLD-BLOODED
TURNING YOU INTO ANIMALS WAS SUPPOSED TO PUT ME AT AN ADVANTAGE.

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HEY THIS IS THE FIRST DAY IN TWO WEEKS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT GETTING STARED AT
WE'LL TAKE WHAT WE CAN GET
COOL COSTUME!
THAT FUR LOOKS REAL!
HOW'D YOU GET THE TAIL TO MOVE?
IT MOVES BY SHEER AWESOME NESS!
BUT DON'T YOU WANNA KNOW BOUT MY ACTUAL COSTUME?
HUH?
THE COAT? THE GOGGLES?
THE WICKED KEYCHAIN?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A WEREWOLF
A WEREWOLF?!
I CRUSADE FOR THE FREEDOM AND ADVANCEMENT OF ALL!
WEREWOLVES AND BEASTMEN ALIKE WILL RUE THE DAY THEY DARE TO CROSS MY PATH!
ROWL!
EEEEEK!

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WE'RE FINE. ARE YOU?
CASS? YOU OKAY?
YEAH BUT THE WERE JACKALS ARE CHANGING EVERYONE THEY HURT!
YEAH. WE SAW.
OKAY GOOD. KEEP HIDDEN UP THERE WE'RE AT NOAH'S HOUSE
WE GOT A FUR SAMPLE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE HIS LAB TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON.
I'LL CALL YOU SOON.
UH...
WHAT IS IT?
THIRTEEN GOT BIT

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NOAH? IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
CALL UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. I'LL EXPLAIN.
HAPPY H
CALL THE POLICE
POLICE WILL JUST SEE ANIMALS KILLING HUMANS AND GUN THEM ALL DOWN.
YES!
UGH.
THOSE GOGGLES..
ARE YOU THE MONTOVARIUS KID?
OF COURSE
WH- ? WHY ON EARTH DID YOU BRING HIM HERE?
DAD. JUST DIAL THE PHONE, PLEASE!
I DON'T WANT TO INHABIT THIS PEDESTRIAN DOMICILE ANY MORE THAN YOU WANT ME TO, MR. SONAR.
WE NEED YOUR SON'S LAB EQUIPMENT INFERIOR THOUGH IT IS· TO ANALYZE THIS DNA SAMPLE
AND WHO'S HE?
UH· NOAH'S GIRLFRIEND.

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OH! YOU'RE CASS!
I'M SO SORRY I THOUGHT CAUSE OF THE...
NOAH EXPLAINED WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE FUNDRAISER.
I'M SORRY YOU COULDN'T MEET HER PROPERLY MA, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET TO WORK.
WE SERIOUSLY DO I JUST SPOKE TO FLINT.
DAD, HERE'S WHAT TO SAY.
IS HE STILL WITH THIRTEEN?
IS SHE SAFE?
..YES.
GOOD
..BUT THEY'RE TRAPPED ON A ROOF ON LANDIS STREET.
WE'VE GOT TO FIND AN ANTIGEN FOR THESE WERE-JACKALS NOW
WERE-WHAT?!
MY LAB'S DOWNSTAIRS.
"GIRLFRIEND"?!

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UH... THIRTEEN?
NNNURTS..
WHY'S SHE TAKING LONGER TO CHANGE THAN THE OTHERS? MAYBE CUZ SHE'S A CATGIRL?
I BARELY UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON.
EVERY INSTINCT I HAVE IS TELLING ME TO GET OUT OF HERE
YOU SHOULD THE COAST LOOKS CLEAR.
SCURRY GO BACK TO YOUR NEST NOWHERE ELSE IS SAFE RIGHT NOW
COME WITH ME
NO. I'M STAYING. THIRTEEN NEEDS HELP
IF YOU'RE STAYING, SO AM I
PLEASE DON'T HATE ME
SQUEEEEEEEEEK!
EEFF!

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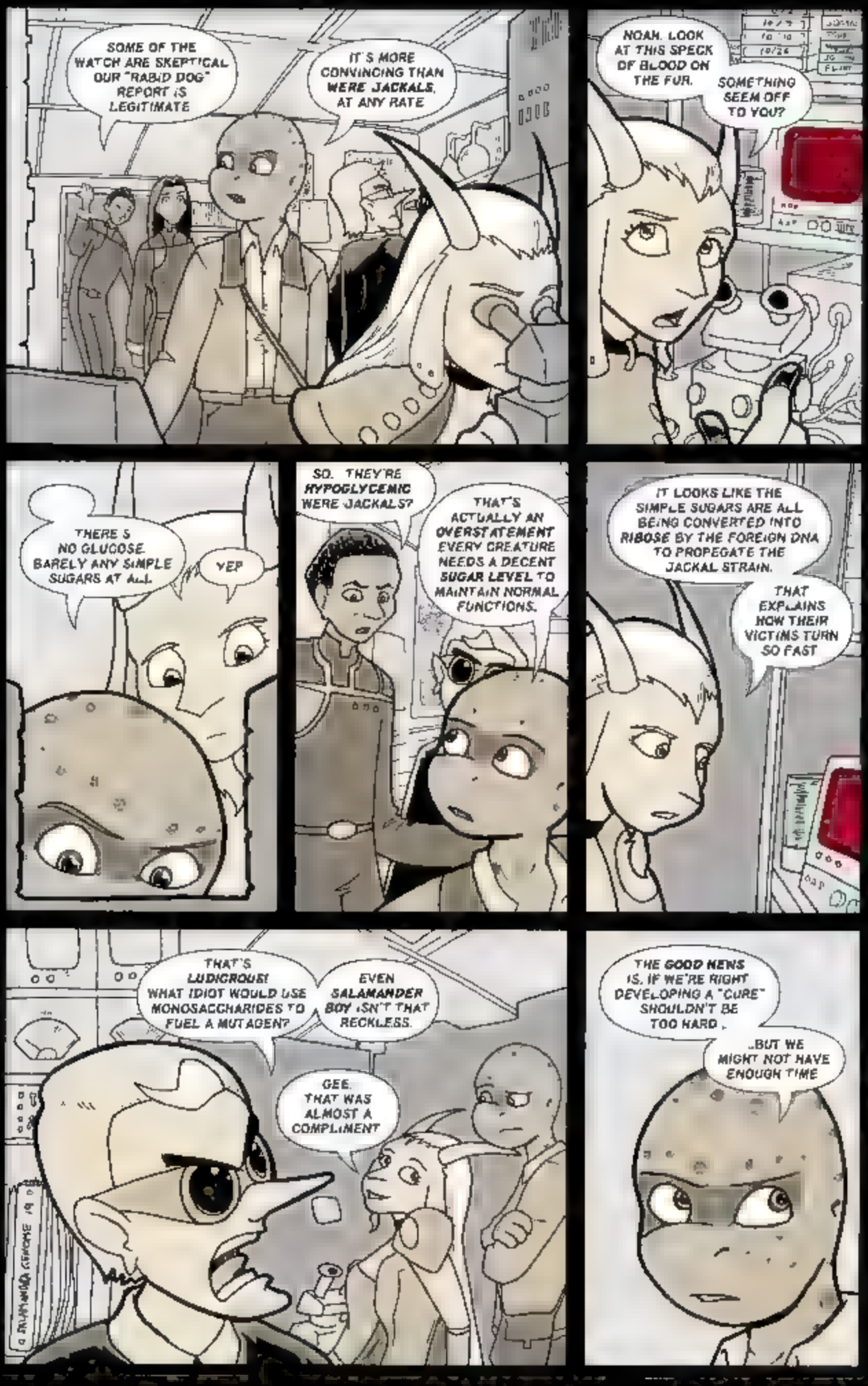
SOME OF THE WATCH ARE SKEPTICAL OUR "RABID DOG" REPORT IS LEGITIMATE
IT'S MORE CONVINCING THAN WERE JACKALS, AT ANY RATE
NOAH. LOOK AT THIS SPECK OF BLOOD ON THE FUR.
SOMETHING SEEM OFF TO YOU?
THERE'S NO GLUCOSE. BARELY ANY SIMPLE SUGARS AT ALL.
YEP
SO. THEY'RE HYPOGLYCEMIC WERE JACKALS?
THAT'S ACTUALLY AN OVERSTATEMENT EVERY CREATURE NEEDS A DECENT SUGAR LEVEL TO MAINTAIN NORMAL FUNCTIONS.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE SIMPLE SUGARS ARE ALL BEING CONVERTED INTO RIBOSE BY THE FOREIGN DNA TO PROPEGATE THE JACKAL STRAIN.
THAT EXPLAINS HOW THEIR VICTIMS TURN SO FAST
THAT'S LUDICROUS! WHAT IDIOT WOULD USE MONOSACCHARIDES TO FUEL A MUTAGEN?
EVEN SALAMANDER BOY ISN'T THAT RECKLESS.
GEE. THAT WAS ALMOST A COMPLIMENT
THE GOOD NEWS IS, IF WE'RE RIGHT DEVELOPING A "CURE" SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD.
..BUT WE MIGHT NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME

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IF THE WATCH CLEARS THE STREETS, WON'T THAT BUY YOU MORE TIME?
IT'S NOT JUST THAT SUGAR IS VITAL IN STORING ENERGY AND BUILDING NEW CELLS.
AT THE RATE THEY'RE LOSING BLOOD SUGAR, IF THE WERE JACKALS AREN'T CURED..
..THEY'LL ALL BE DEAD BY DAWN
WELL, PROBLEM SOLVED, THEN.
LLOYD, I DON'T WANT THIS PERSON IN OUR HOUSE.
WELL EXCUSE ME FOR ENDORSING THE EASY SOLUTION!

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OKAY OKAY IT S GONNA BE FINE
SHE LL BE FINE
THIRTEEN..
GAH! SORRY! SORRY!
NO, I M S SORRY, MISTERRR CALLOWRRRAY.
FLINT PLEASE.
I FEEL LIKE MY DAD IF YOU SAY "MR CALLOWAY"
Y YOU MUST LEAVE... BUH...
BEFORRR...
I KNOW YOU WON T HURT ME YOU'RE TOO NICE.
I H-HELPED MASTERRR... CHANGE YOU...
YEAH, YOU DID. AND I FEEL BAD.
CUZ I NEVER THANKED YOU

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FTSSSH
GWUGH...
WELL, MOM WAS RIGHT
THE CURE IS READY
ABOUT TIME SO WHAT DELIVERY METHOD DID YOU COBBLE TOGETHER IN YOUR LAB OF SECONDHAND STORE HORRORS?
GAS GRENADE? DART SHOOTERS?
THE PRIME WEAPON OF CHOICE FOR A FIGHT THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
THE ULTRA SOAKER X-5000 WITH BATTERY ASSISTED PUMP
JUVENILE... BUT INSPIRED.
SUGAR WATER?
WITH OUR HOMEMADE CURE PIGGYBACKING ON THE GLUCOSE MOLECULES. SO. HOW'S THE SITUATION?
IT SUCKS.

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SQUEEEEEEE!
GROWWL!
THIRTEEN?!
I KNEW YOU WERE LYING! I KNEW IT!
MORTY! YOU ASS. GET BACK HERE!
FORGET HIM.
SHE'S RIGHT, SON.
I RECOGNIZE THOSE COSTUMES. THAT'S OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.
THEY TRIED TO SAVE PEOPLE AND LOOK.

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I WAS A FOOL TO LET YOU OUT OF THE ESTATE
N-NOT YOUR FAULT, MASTERRR. YOU MADE A CURRRR.
NO.. IRONICALLY IT WAS SYNTHESIZED BY MY ONE TIME SWORN NEMESIS AND HER BOYFRIEND.
THEY AARR.. NICE PEOPLE.
W-WORTH TH...DANGER...
NICE TO MEET YOU. SCURRY & MOM!
WHAT IS "SCURRY"?
THAT'S THE NAME HE GAVE ME.
NAME? SPAWN HAS A NAME?!
YEAH, IT'S KINDA WEIRD.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT IN NEST NOW WE GO. TOO MUCH DANGER OUT HERE
THANKS FOR COMING BACK. I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER WANT TO SEE ME AGAIN.
NO WAY! YOU'RE ONE OF US!
UH... YEAH...

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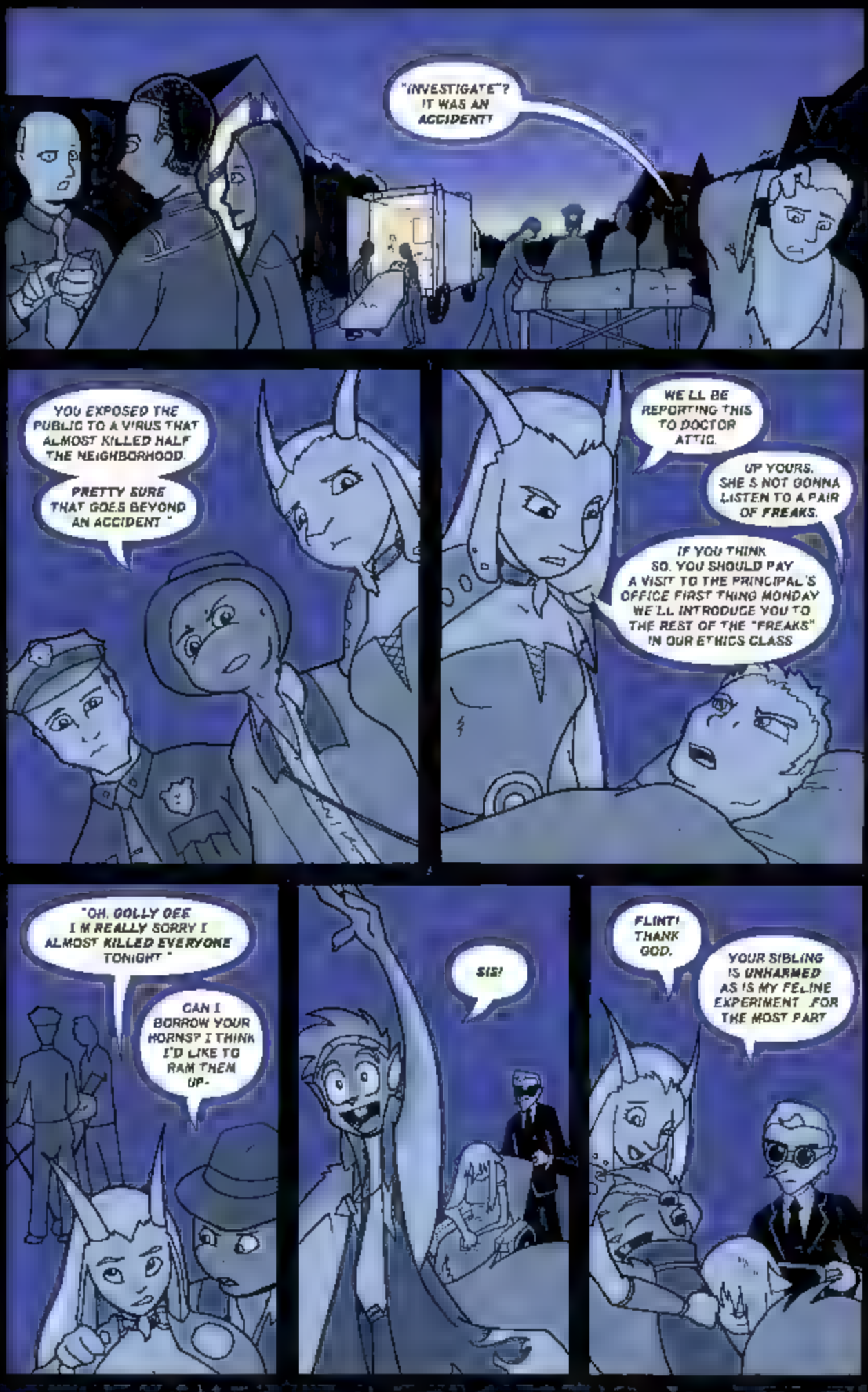
"INVESTIGATE"? IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
YOU EXPOSED THE PUBLIC TO A VIRUS THAT ALMOST KILLED HALF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
PRETTY SURE THAT GOES BEYOND AN ACCIDENT."
WE'LL BE REPORTING THIS TO DOCTOR ATTIC.
UP YOURS. SHE'S NOT GONNA LISTEN TO A PAIR OF FREAKS.
IF YOU THINK SO, YOU SHOULD PAY A VISIT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE FIRST THING MONDAY. WE'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE REST OF THE "FREAKS" IN OUR ETHICS CLASS
"OH, GOLLY GEE I'M REALLY SORRY I ALMOST KILLED EVERYONE TONIGHT."
CAN I BORROW YOUR HORNS? I THINK I'D LIKE TO RAM THEM UP-
SIS!
FLINT! THANK GOD.
YOUR SIBLING IS UNHARMED AS IS MY FELINE EXPERIMENT...FOR THE MOST PART

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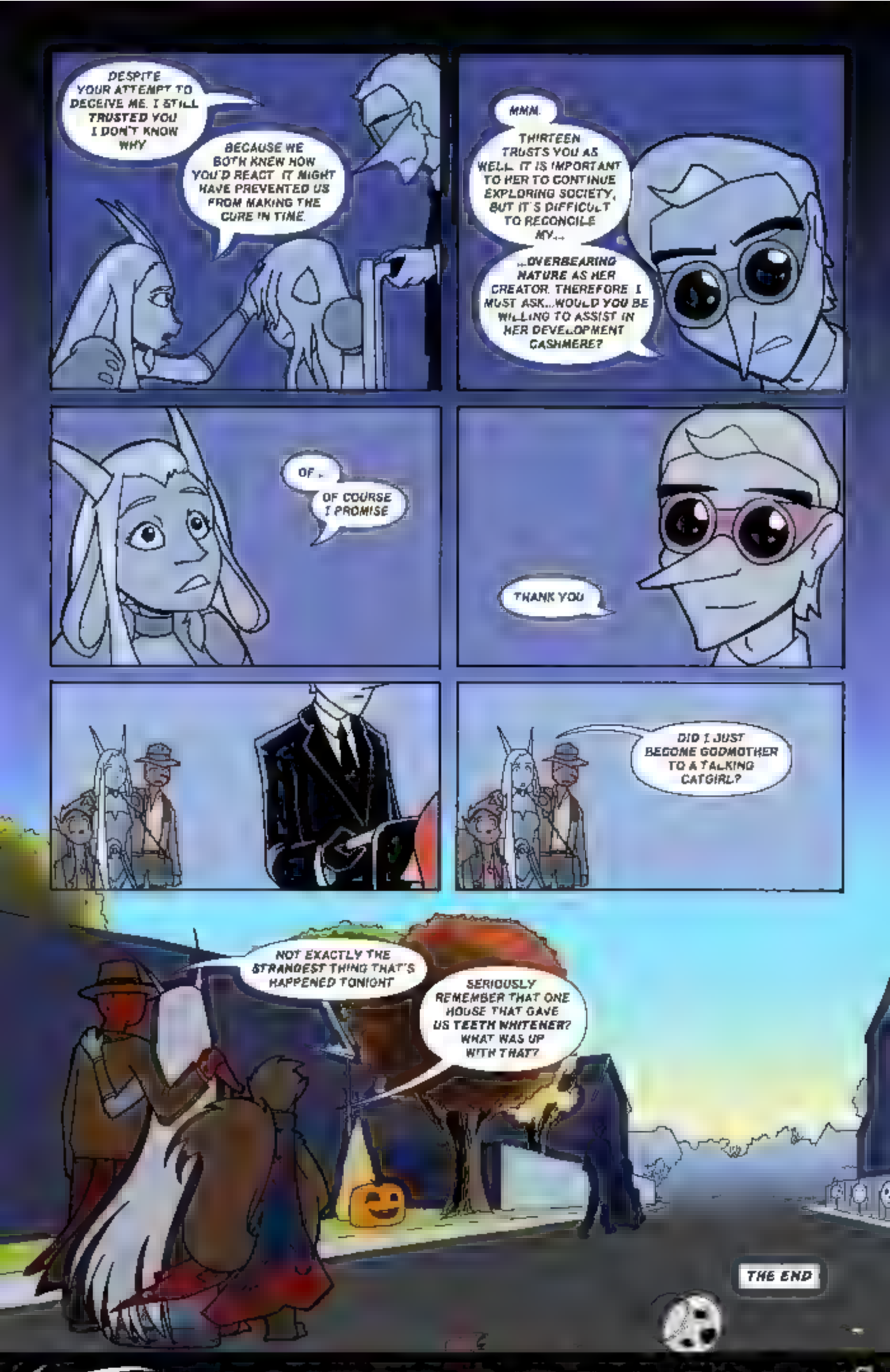
DESPITE YOUR ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE ME, I STILL TRUSTED YOU I DON'T KNOW WHY
BECAUSE WE BOTH KNEW HOW YOU'D REACT. IT MIGHT HAVE PREVENTED US FROM MAKING THE CURE IN TIME.
MMM.
THIRTEEN TRUSTS YOU AS WELL. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HER TO CONTINUE EXPLORING SOCIETY, BUT IT'S DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE MY...
...OVERBEARING NATURE AS HER CREATOR. THEREFORE, I MUST ASK...WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO ASSIST IN HER DEVELOPMENT CASHMERE?
OF-
OF COURSE I PROMISE
THANK YOU
DID I JUST BECOME GODMOTHER TO A TALKING CATGIRL?
NOT EXACTLY THE STRANGEST THING THAT'S HAPPENED TONIGHT
SERIOUSLY REMEMBER THAT ONE HOUSE THAT GAVE US TEETH WHITENER? WHAT WAS UP WITH THAT?
THE END

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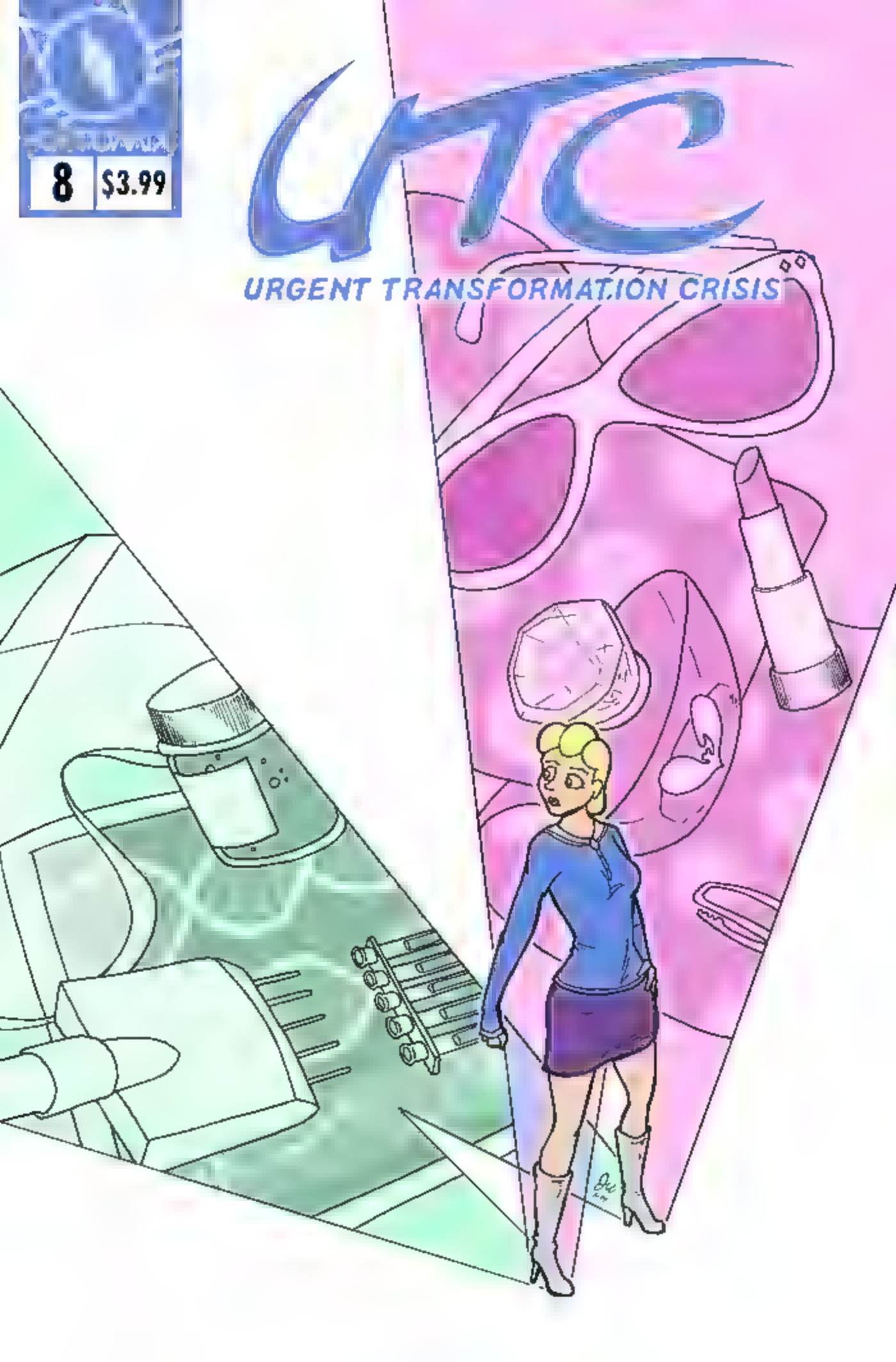

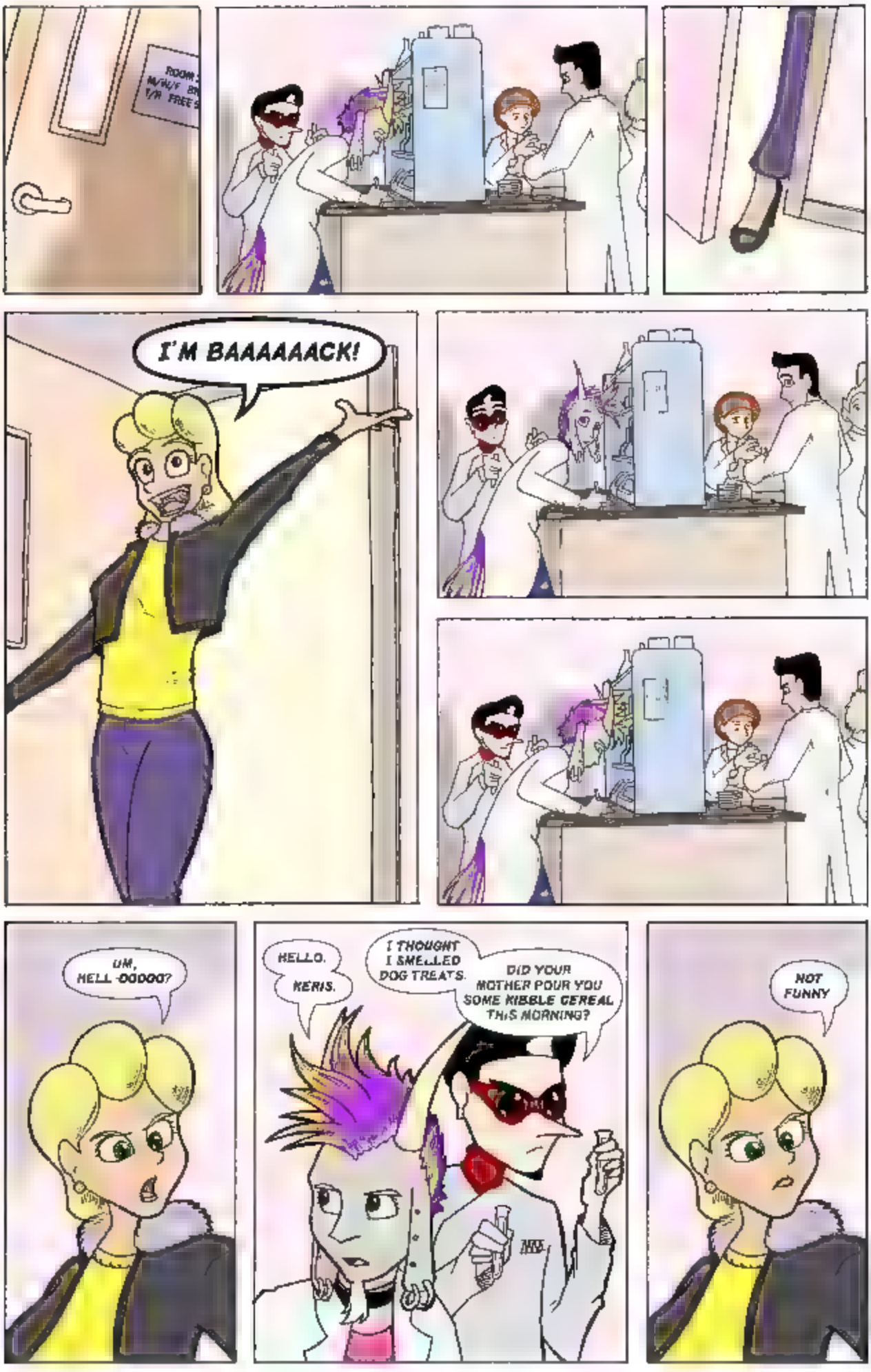
I'M BAAAAAACK!
UM, HELL-OOOOO?
HELLO, KERIS.
I THOUGHT I SMELLED DOG TREATS.
DID YOUR MOTHER POUR YOU SOME KIBBLE CEREAL THIS MORNING?
NOT FUNNY

WHATEVER.
I DON'T SUPPOSE THAT IF I THREW A BONE OF SOME SORT, YOU'D REMOVE YOURSELF FROM MY PRESENCE? WE'RE BUSY HERE.
UM EXCUSE ME? I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE HERE WITH YOU PEOPLE AND BESIDES, I'M NOT PART DOG ANYMORE
MARLENE GOT SEPARATED FROM MY DNA AND, LIKE RECOMBOBULATED OR WHATEVER
SO THEY MANAGED TO FIX YOU?
SNERK
OF COURSE. MY MOTHER IS LIKE, TOTALLY THE BEST AND MADE SURE OF IT
SHE HAD TOP SCIENTISTS WORKING TO MAKE SURE WE'D BE OKAY AGAIN.
NO THANKS TO YOU
IF SHE WERE LOOKING FOR THE TOP SCIENTIST SHE NEED ONLY LOOK UNDER HER NOSE
AN HOUR AND I COULD'VE HAD YOU BACK TO BEING AS VAPID AND OBNOXIOUS AS ALWAYS.
I'D SAY THE MAJORITY FOUND YOUR CONDITION TO BE AN IMPROVEMENT HOWEVER
HEY!

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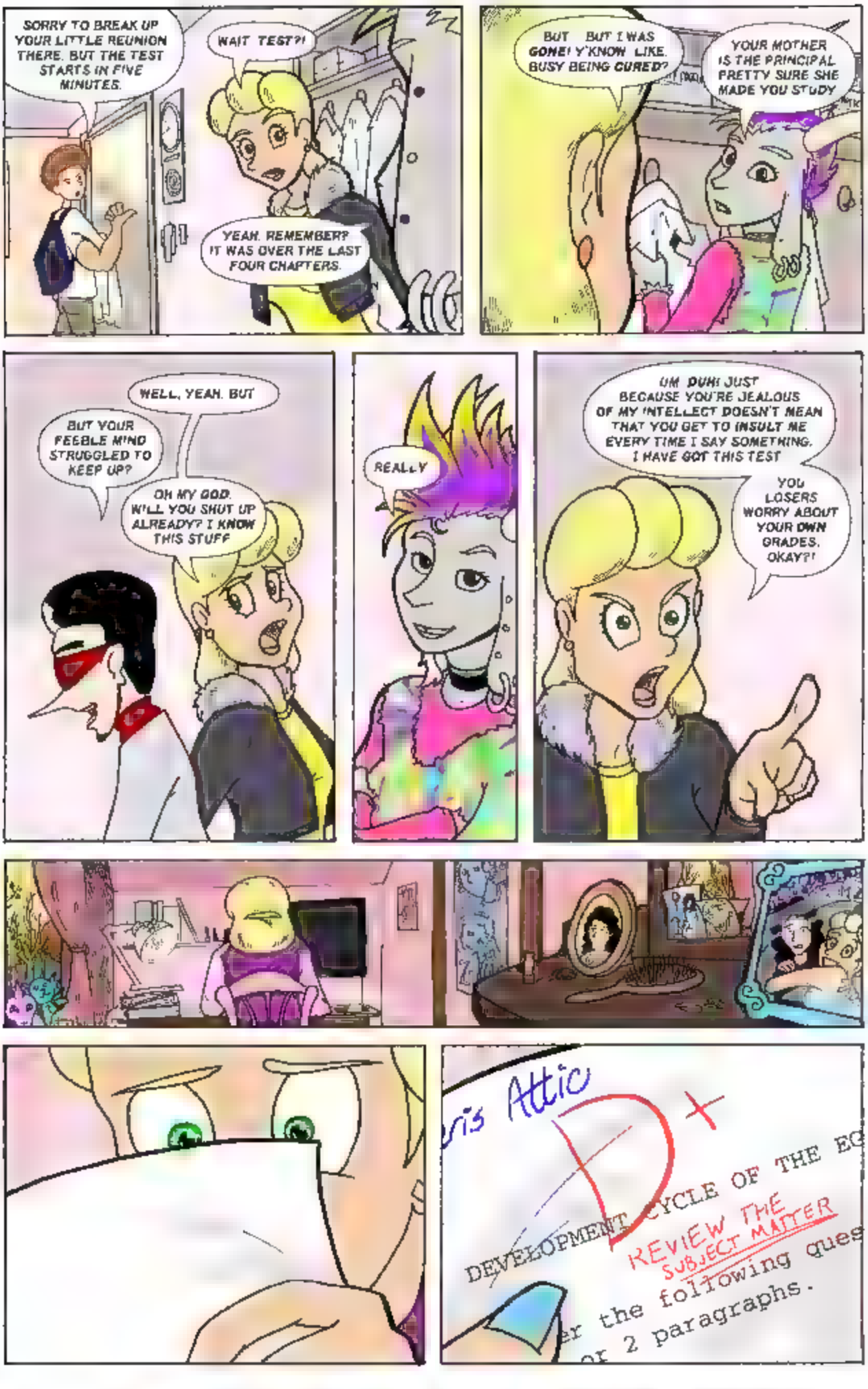
SORRY TO BREAK UP YOUR LITTLE REUNION THERE. BUT THE TEST STARTS IN FIVE MINUTES.
WAIT TEST?!
YEAH. REMEMBER? IT WAS OVER THE LAST FOUR CHAPTERS.
BUT BUT I WAS GONE! Y'KNOW LIKE. BUSY BEING CURED?
YOUR MOTHER IS THE PRINCIPAL PRETTY SURE SHE MADE YOU STUDY
WELL, YEAH. BUT
BUT YOUR FEEBLE MIND STRUGGLED TO KEEP UP?
OH MY GOD. WILL YOU SHUT UP ALREADY? I KNOW THIS STUFF
REALLY
UM DUH! JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE JEALOUS OF MY INTELLECT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU GET TO INSULT ME EVERY TIME I SAY SOMETHING. I HAVE GOT THIS TEST
YOU LOSERS WORRY ABOUT YOUR OWN GRADES. OKAY?!
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REVIEW THE SUBJECT MATTER
DEVELOPMENT
the following ques
2 paragraphs.

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OOOOOH yeah baby baby It's a love attraction! When you're here with me
UM, HELLO?
THIS IS AVEN BEAUTY PRODUCTS. IS THIS KERI'S ATTIC?
I WAS THINKING I MIGHT WANT TO GO NATIONAL WITH IT LIKE, Y'KNOW YOU GOTTA THINK BIG, RIGHT?
I'M AFRAID NOT MS. ATTIC. WE ARE CALLING TO INFORM THAT YOUR PROPOSITION HAS BEEN REJECTED.
OH, YES! I MET YOU AT THE FUNDRAISER! YOU GUYS LOVED MY BEAUTIFICATIONIZER DIDN'T YOU?
HOW MUCH DID YOU WANT TO OFFER?
WH-WHAT?!
YOUR "BEAUTIFICATIONIZER" WHILE AN INTERESTING CONCEPT, WAS COMPLETELY LACKING IN ANY SCIENTIFIC BASIS, AND HAD NO RESEARCH BACKING UP YOUR CLAIMS.
WE'RE AFRAID WE CANNOT OFFER YOU ANY FUNDING AT THIS TIME.
YOU... BUT IT WAS BRILLIANT! IT'D CHANGE, LIKE, EVERYTHING WE KNOW ABOUT BODY IMAGE!
WE'RE SORRY, MS. ATTIC. BUT WE'VE NO REASON TO BELIEVE YOUR VISION OF THIS PROJECT IS FEASIBLE.
WE WISH YOU LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
W-WAIT! I
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MO-D-OM!
OH HELLO, KERIS. HOW WAS YOUR DAY?
THE STUPID PEOPLE AT AVEN SAID MY BEAUTIFICATIONIZER WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH!
AVEN?
YOU KNOW! THE BEAUTY COMPANY!
THEY SAID IT LIKE, "WASN'T RESEARCHED ENOUGH" OR "LACKING SCIENTIFIC BASIS" I SPENT LIKE.
[redacted]
ON THIS THING! IT WAS PERFECT!
WELL, LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT IT MAYBE THEY MISUNDERSTOOD YOUR NOTES?
FWAMP!
CRSHK
ER, THESE ARE...
IS THIS WHAT YOU REALLY BROUGHT TO THE FUNDRAISER?
UM, YES?
THIS IS, KERIS WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR RESEARCH FROM?
MOST OF THIS IS NONSENSE!
WHAT?! I STUDIED FOR HOURS FOR THIS THING!
STUDYING WHAT, EXACTLY?
THIS DESIGN LACKS THE POWER TO RUN A MACHINE OF THIS SIZE, LET ALONE THE MATERIALS NEEDED TO RADICALLY ALTER SOMEONE'S APPEARANCE.

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WHERE ARE YOUR BOOKS?
IS THIS ALL YOU HAD?
N NO. I WAS WORKING... IN.. THE LIBRARY?
OH MY GOODNESS, HAVE YOU DONE ANY RESEARCH?!
YOUR TEACHERS WERE COMING TO ME EARLIER THIS WEEK, ASKING ABOUT YOU. IS THIS WHY YOU RE HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE WITH YOUR CLASSES?
NO! I JUST WAS BUSY WITH STUFF!
THEN I THINK IT S TIME WE STARTED TAKING AWAY YOUR DISTRACTIONS. I'LL NOT HAVE MY OWN DAUGHTER FAILING OUT OF MY SCHOOL.
MOM!
DON'T YOU "MOM" ME KERIS. I THINK YOU HAVE HOMEWORK YOU NEED TO CATCH UP ON.
AND I'LL BE HAVING A CHAT WITH SOME OF YOUR TEACHERS TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE GETTING IT DONE
OH MY GOD!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
KERIS!
NO! EVERYONE IS JUST AGAINST ME TODAY!
BYE!
SLAM!

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SHOULDN'T YOU BE DOING YOUR HOMEWORK YOUNG LADY?
I DON'T WANNA.
AW C'MON, KERIS. THINK OF YOUR MOTHER. HOW D'YOU THINK SHE GOT TO BE WHAT SHE IS?
SHE'S REALLY SMART?
WELL, THAT IS TRUE BUT SHE ALSO WORKED REALLY HARD TO BE THAT WAY!
YOUR MOTHER HAD TO DO A LOT OF HOMEWORK TO [redacted] DID WELL, TOO!
BUT I JUST WANNA PLAY WITH MY DOLLS. CAN'T I JUST DO THAT?
NOT FOREVER, KERIS. SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA DO SOME HARD WORK TO GET WHAT YOU REALLY WANT. DON'T YOU WANT TO BE FAMOUS LIKE YOUR MOM?
I GUESS SO
THAT MEANS YOU GOTTA PUT THE WORK IN.
C'MON. THE SCIENCE FAIR IS IN JUST OVER A MONTH. IF YOU GET STARTED NOW I BET YOU CAN WIN THE COMPETITION.
AND BE FAMOUS?
AND BE FAMOUS. HOW ABOUT IT?
OKAY..

YIP!
HAPPY
SPRING SCIENCE FAIR
THIS IS MY ANIMAL VOCALIZER! YOU KNOW HOW PETS LIKE TO BARK AND MEOW AT US. BUT WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE SAYING?
THIS TELLS YOU HOW THEY'RE FEELING! JUST PUT THEM IN FRONT OF THE MICROPHONE...
YIP!
EXCITED
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
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HEY IT'S THE SCIENCE BRAT!

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YOU'RE THE BIG FABULOUS WINNER FROM LAST NIGHT! WHAT KINDA GIRL DOES SCIENCE?
W-WHAT?
TRYIN' TO IMPRESS YOUR MOMMY?
N-NO, I JUST WANTED TO BE
A TEACHER'S PET? NOBODY LIKES GIRLS LIKE YOU. YOU'RE THE BRATS WHO MAKE IT HARDER FOR THE REST OF US
YEAH! STOP TRYIN' TO BE A BOY! GO BACK TO PLAYIN' WITH YOUR DOLLS!
DOESN'T YOUR FAMILY HAVE ENOUGH SCIENCE AWARDS THANKS TO THAT BIG SHOT MOM OF YOURS?

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I . HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TODAY I M SORRY
GO AWAY
KERIS. SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE MEAN. OKAY? YOU JUST GOTTA PICK YOURSELF BACK UP AND KEEP GOING. AND HEY, YOU WON, DIDN'T YOU?
THEY SAID I WAS A NERD AND A WANNABE MOM. WHAT GOOD IS WINNING IF EVERYBODY HATES ME NOW?
THEY ONLY SAID THOSE THINGS BECAUSE THEY'RE JEALOUS.
I DON'T WANT THEM TO BE JEALOUS! I WANT THEM TO LIKE ME!
WELL, WE ALL WANT APPROVAL FROM OTHERS, DON'T WE? BUT SOMETIMES PEOPLE GET JEALOUS AND WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT
THOSE SAME PEOPLE WHO WERE MEAN TODAY WILL BE PROUD OF YOU YEARS DOWN THE ROAD, WHEN YOU'RE MAKING AMAZING THINGS JUST LIKE MOM.
BEING LIKE MOM IS WHY THEY'RE MAKING FUN OF ME! SHE S NOT FAMOUS! THEY HATE HER! I'M GONNA BE FAMOUS AND EVERYONE WILL LIKE ME AND I'LL DO IT MY WAY!
KERIS, YOU-
NO! I M NEVER LISTENING TO YOU AGAIN!
GET OUT!

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YOU HAVE FIFTY MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE TEST PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES ON YOUR OWN PAPER AND USE A NUMBER TWO PENCIL.
SO, Y'KNOW, I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHO I'D LIKE TO GO TO THE DANCE WITH, AND THOUGHT..
..IF SOMEONE WAS SMART ENOUGH TO DO THE CHEMISTRY PROJECT FOR ME I'D, LIKE, BRING THEM ALONG..
RIGHT, PRESENTATION WILL BE THIS AFTERNOON SINBAD WILL BE THERE FOR HIS DOCUMENTARY AND WE'LL HAVE SOME OF THE STUDENTS IN TO SMILE FOR THE CAMERAS.
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. BRING A FEW REFRESHMENTS FOR THEM..

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CLXI
Beautificationization
03-17-14

HEY, IT'S SUPER POODLE!
JUST GET THAT SHOELACE LASSO TIED FLINT!
WE'VE GOT LIKE FIVE SECONDS BEFORE IT STOMPS US INTO FUZZY PASTE!
WH-THUMP!
THUMP!
THUMP!
OH GOD, I SEE FUNGUS!
HATS REQUIRED
R FALLING MATERIAL
R MOVING EQUIPMENT
ON IN UNSTABLE AREAS
Chapter 2
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recy. Their code of
he general public
herwise
..SO, KERIS.
AT WHAT POINT WAS THE A.G.S DISSOLVED?
UM.. AROUND IN 1920?
NO. THAT WOULD PREDATE THE DISCOVERY OF THE DOUBLE HELIX BY DECADES
MARTIN, THEN? MIGHT YOU KNOW?
SNICKER.

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CLXII
Foot in Mouth Syndrome
03-24-14

BOOOP
WAIT
HEY I... REALLY FELL BEHIND WHEN I WAS OUT AND I WAS HOPING A HANDSOME HUNK LIKE YOU MIGHT...
DUH KERIS. OF COURSE THAT WON'T WORK ON HIM.
LOOK, WHAT I MEANT TO SAY WAS THAT SINCE LIKE, YOU CAN'T TALK AND SPREAD IT AROUND THAT I M ASKING. D YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP ME OUT?
LOOK, JUST TEACH ME THIS STUFF, OKAY?!
WAIT!
I'M... I'M SORRY.
I M JUST . I M SO TIRED OF BEING THE BUTT OF ALL OF EVERYONE'S JOKES. Y KNOW? I. LIKE. DON'T WANT TO BE THE DUMB BLONDE ANYMORE
COULD YOU.. HELP ME BE LESS STUPID? PLEASE?

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OKAY I THINK I'VE GOT IT
FWP
HEY UM. DEMETRIUS?
THANK YOU
YOU DON'T USUALLY STAY THIS LATE ARE YOU KEEPING UP ON YOUR STUDIES?
JUST DOING STUFF

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Z
TROM HURT HIMSELF CLIMBING OUT OF HIS CRIB AGAIN SO I M COMING IN LATE YOU LL HAVE TO DRIVE YOURSELF TODAY
AAAH!
NO PROBS, MOM. I WAS PLANNING TO GO ON MY OWN ANYWAY
WAAAAAH!
WYAAAAA!

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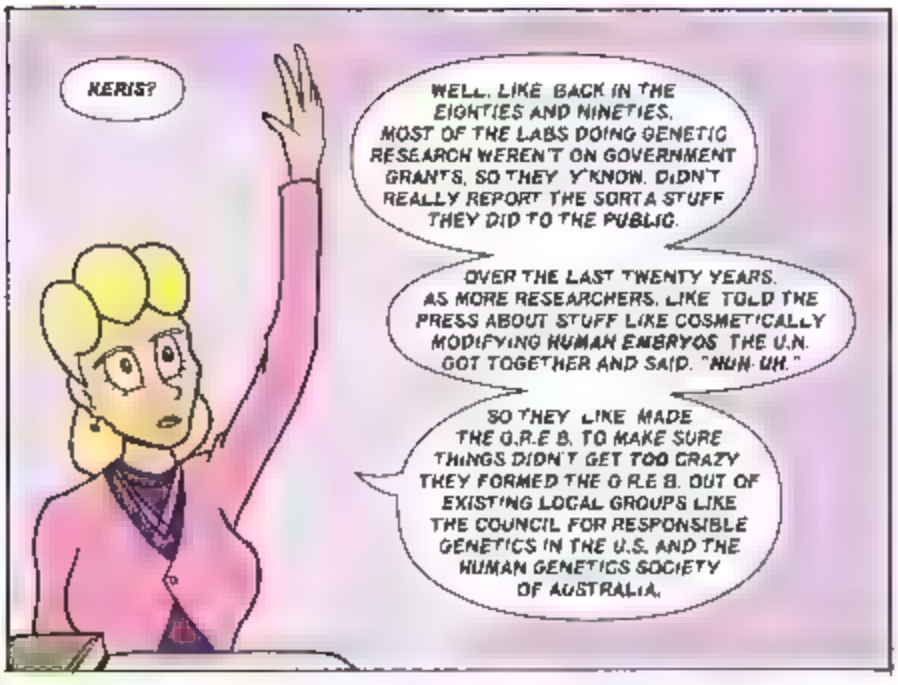
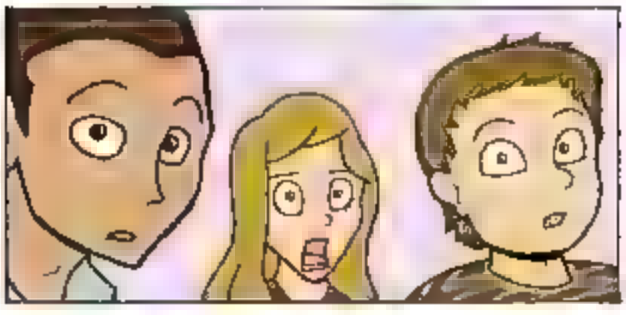
SO WHAT WE'LL DO IS START OFF BY REVIEWING THE HOMEWORK. CAN ANYONE TELL ME HOW THE GENETIC RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD WAS FOUNDED?


KERIS?
WELL, LIKE BACK IN THE EIGHTIES AND NINETIES, MOST OF THE LABS DOING GENETIC RESEARCH WEREN'T ON GOVERNMENT GRANTS, SO THEY Y'KNOW, DIDN'T REALLY REPORT THE SORT A STUFF THEY DID TO THE PUBLIC.
OVER THE LAST TWENTY YEARS, AS MORE RESEARCHERS, LIKE TOLD THE PRESS ABOUT STUFF LIKE COSMETICALLY MODIFYING HUMAN EMBRYOS THE U.N. GOT TOGETHER AND SAID, "HUH-UH."
SO THEY LIKE MADE THE G.R.E.B. TO MAKE SURE THINGS DIDN'T GET TOO CRAZY THEY FORMED THE G.R.E.B. OUT OF EXISTING LOCAL GROUPS LIKE THE COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE GENETICS IN THE U.S. AND THE HUMAN GENETICS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA.



THAT IS..
CORRECT.
WELL DONE.

JUST FIVE MINUTES. I ONLY WANT TO SEE HOW WELL HE LIKES MY FISHBOWL.
ADAPTING TO NEW ECOSYSTEMS. WOULDN'T THAT ENHANCE YOUR RESEARCH?

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CLXVII
Where the Fish Lives
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EXCUSE ME?
YOU HEARD ME
UNFORTUNATELY REGARDLESS, WE'RE BUSY AT THE MOMENT SO IF YOU'D JUST BE GOING...
I SAID LEAVE HIM ALONE
YOU'VE ALREADY STOLE FROM LIKE A WHOLE HALF THE OTHER PEOPLE.
SOUNDS LIKE YOUR MIRACULOUS NEW EDUCATION HAS ITS LIMITS.
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT IS, IMBECILE?
GENETICALLY MODIFIED FISH. SEE THAT FUZZ THERE? AND THE SCREEN WITH ALL THE CHEMICAL CODING?
OBVIOUSLY
THAT FUZZ IS SWEEPING UP ALL THE NON WATER STUFF IN THE TANK
IT'S GOT MICRO-TRANSMITTERS OR SOMETHING TELLING THE COMPUTER WHAT IT COLLECTS.
YES, SO?
SO LET'S SAY DEMETRIUS SENDS THE FISH TO FOLLOW A SUBMARINE. IT'S IGNORED BY THE CREW CUZ LIKE, FISH ARE EVERYWHERE IN THE OCEAN.
THE FISH COMES BACK AND HE ANALYZES THE RUNOFF FROM THE FUZZ AND FINDS OUT WHAT'S ON BOARD THE SUB FROM THAT. ITS WEAPONS, ITS CREW, ITS SPYING STUFF
DUH.

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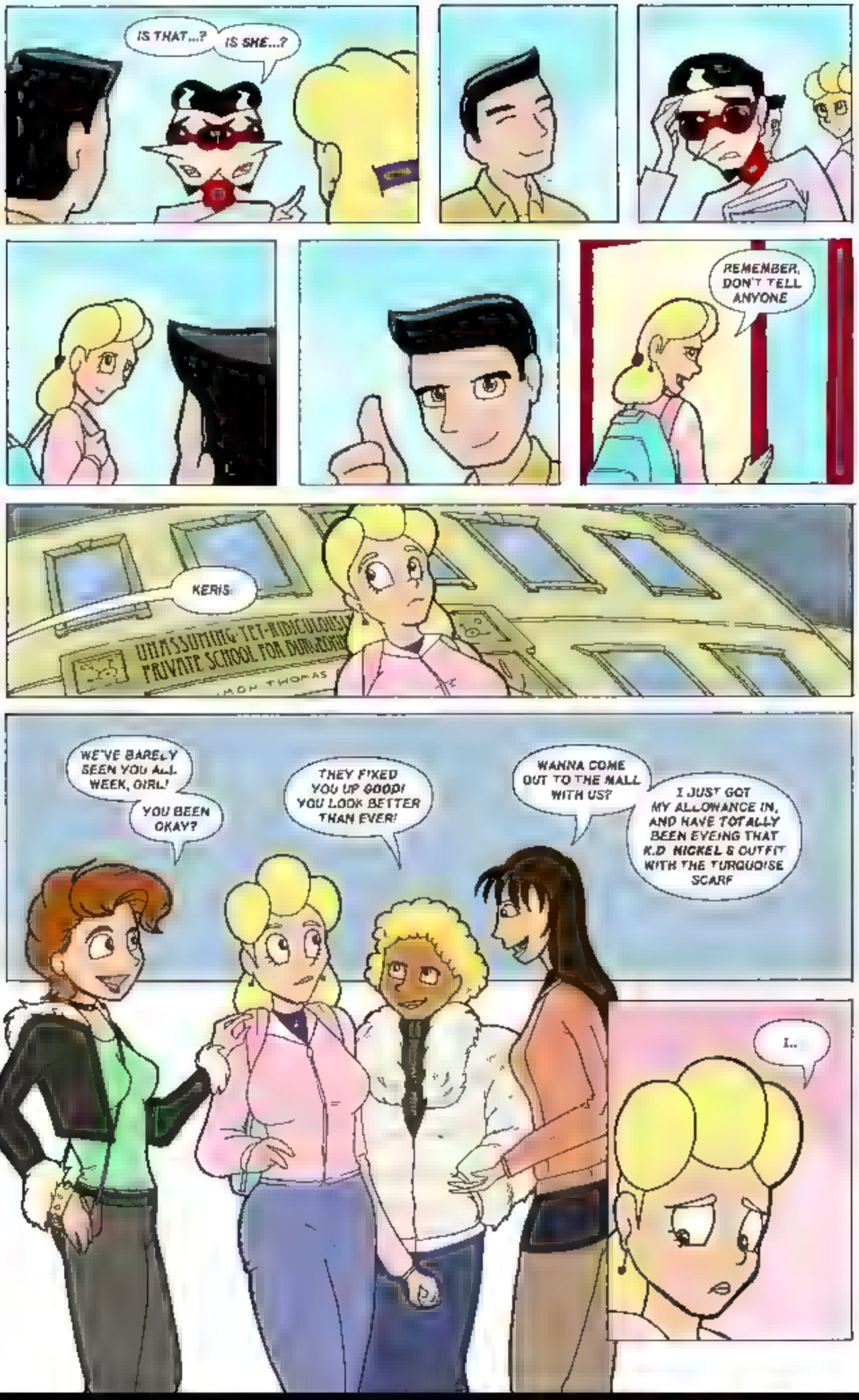
IS THAT...?
IS SHE...?
REMEMBER, DON'T TELL ANYONE
KERIS:
UNASSUMING YET RIDICULOUSLY
PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR DUMBASSES
WE'VE BARELY SEEN YOU ALL WEEK, GIRL!
YOU BEEN OKAY?
THEY FIXED YOU UP GOOD! YOU LOOK BETTER THAN EVER!
WANNA COME OUT TO THE MALL WITH US?
I JUST GOT MY ALLOWANCE IN, AND HAVE TOTALLY BEEN EYEING THAT K.D NICKEL & OUTFIT WITH THE TURQUOISE SCARF
I...

I M... I M SORRY BUT I REALLY, LIKE... HAVE A BUNCHA STUFF I GOTTA DO.
YOU KNOW HOME WORK TO CATCH UP ON?
AWW. C MON. WHO CARES ABOUT HOME WORK? YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH HELL, GIRL. TAKE IT EASY FOR NOW
ANOTHER TIME, OKAY? THIS IS IMPORTANT
ALRIGHT TEXT US!
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Learning How to Fetch
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All-Nighter
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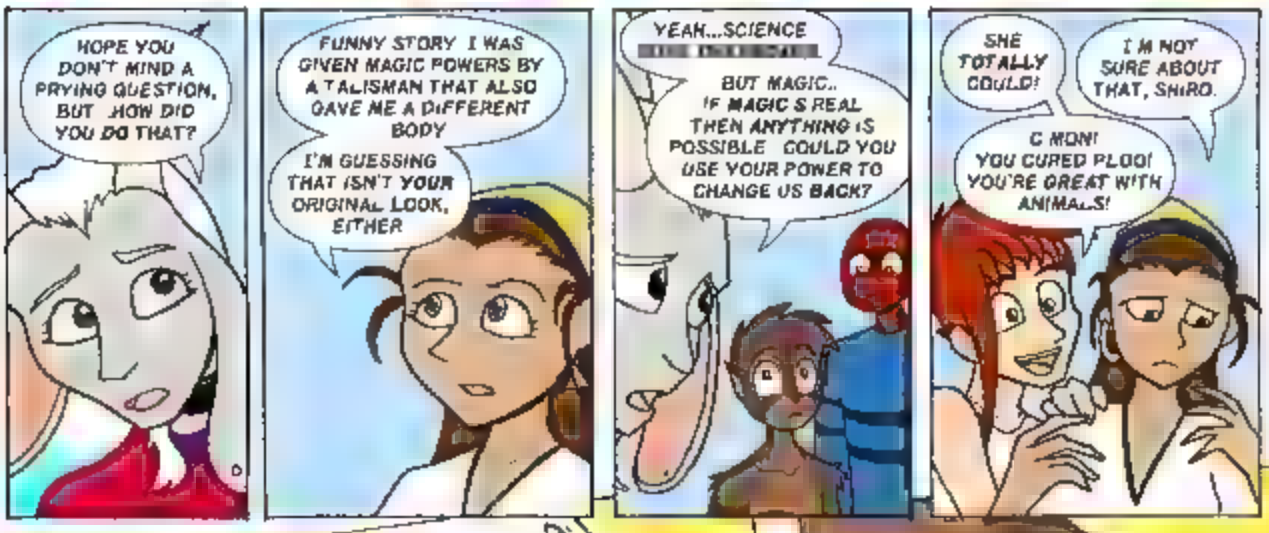
THANKS FOR THE HELP HONESTLY YOU SAVED OUR BUTTS BIG TIME.
I'M CASS.
NO PROBLEM I'M EMPI
I'M HER BOYFRIEND WITH LITTLE PERSONALITY
AND I'M THE SPIKY HAIRED COMIC RELIEF
JINX!
UH.. CAN I HAVE MY TAIL BACK?
OOOH! SO CUDDLY!


HOPE YOU DON'T MIND A PRYING QUESTION, BUT HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
FUNNY STORY I WAS GIVEN MAGIC POWERS BY A TALISMAN THAT ALSO GAVE ME A DIFFERENT BODY
I'M GUESSING THAT ISN'T YOUR ORIGINAL LOOK, EITHER
YEAH...SCIENCE
BUT MAGIC.. IF MAGIC S REAL THEN ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE COULD YOU USE YOUR POWER TO CHANGE US BACK?
SHE TOTALLY COULD!
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT, SHIRO.
C MON! YOU CURED PLOO! YOU'RE GREAT WITH ANIMALS!

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HAPPY APRIL FOOLS!
BACK TO THE KERIS STORY MONDAY.

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URGENT TRANSFORMATION CRISIS

OCT 28 WED
EVERYONE. WELCOME, UH... FLINT BACK TO HOMEROOM
WE MISSED YOU, FLINT
UM... WELCOME BACK
ROCK THE FUZZ, FLINT!
NOV 2 MON
...JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I WAS SQUIRREL SALAD, SCURRY AND HIS ENTIRE UH, SCURRY CAME OUT OF NOWHERE AND JUMPED ALL OVER HER, BITING AND SCRATCHING!
EEK!
SHOW US HOW YOU FLEW FROM THE TREEHOUSE!
WELL, I DIDN'T FLY...SO MUCH AS... FALL STRAIGHT DOWN.
NOV 4 WED
HEY CAN YOU MOVE YOUR TAIL?
SORRY
NOV 6 FRI
NOW HE'S TELLING SOME STORY ABOUT A GIANT FOOT
HE PROBABLY FREAKED OUT AND RAN LIKE HE DID WITH THAT JACKAL THING.
HEY FLINT S AT LEAST BRAVER THAN YOU TWO.
OOOH. DEFENSIVE MUCH? HEY EVERYONE! AINSLEY WANTS TO BE FLINT'S SQUIRREL
QUIT IT! I DO NOT!
NOV 9 MON
MIKE'S MOM IS TAKING US FOR PIZZA. WANNA COME?
UH. TH- THANKS, BUT I'VE ..
GOT SOMETHING ELSE SORRY
BETTER NOT SHARE A SLICE MIKE .. THAT S HOW IT SPREADS, YOU KNOW
NOT FUNNY, KYLE.
WHAT S REALLY NOT FUNNY IF YOU WANT TO WIN THAT OPEN SEAT ON STUDENT COUNCIL, CARE A LITTLE MORE ABOUT WHO YOU RE SEEN WITH.
NOV 10 TUES
YO SQUIRREL KID!

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GO NUTS!
ACK!
FWEEEEET
CALLOWAY! BUNT WITH YOUR HEAD. FUZZBALL! THAT'S A FOUL!
RAMESES?
SORRY, I SHOULDN'TA SENT THAT BALL
'ROUND YOU IT'S A NO-FLY
BUT YOUR...
HOW D'YOU GET..
UH.
MY BROTHER'S IN THE ATTIC HIGH GENETICS COMPETITION.
HE'S LETTIN ME TEST HIS NEW GENE FORMULA!
SO YOU CAN HAVE CAT EARS AND A TAIL?
MORE N THAT! BY NEXT WEEK IT'LL MAKE ME A PERFECT CHEETAH-HUMAN HYBRID.
I'M GONNA BE THE BEST ATHLETE EVER IN THE HISTORY OF TRACK AND FIELD!
THEN I BET YOU CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED. FIVE LAPS AROUND THE FIELD
BOTH OF YOU! GET GOING!

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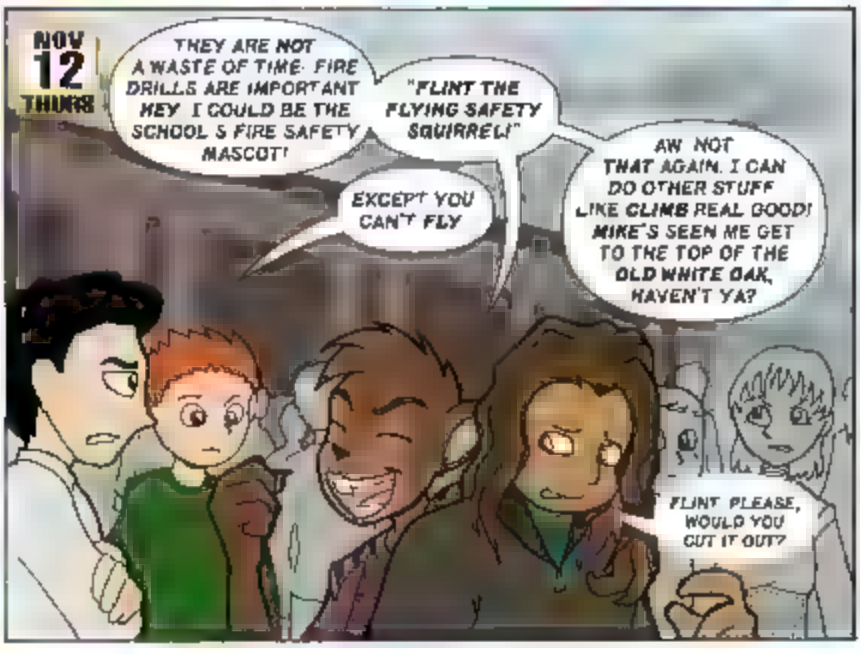
NOV
11
WED
AND HE WAS FAST TOO. LIKE, WAY FASTER THAN HE LOOKS!
BUT I M NOT DONE WITH THE STORY!
YOU SAID HE WAS PART CHEETAH. WHAT D YOU EXPECT? WE LL SEE EACH OTHER AFTER CLASS. OKAY?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THURS
THEY ARE NOT A WASTE OF TIME. FIRE DRILLS ARE IMPORTANT HEY I COULD BE THE SCHOOL S FIRE SAFETY MASCOT!
"FLINT THE FLYING SAFETY SQUIRREL!"
EXCEPT YOU CAN'T FLY
AW NOT THAT AGAIN. I CAN DO OTHER STUFF LIKE CLIMB REAL GOOD! MIKE'S SEEN ME GET TO THE TOP OF THE OLD WHITE OAK, HAVEN'T YA?
FLINT PLEASE, WOULD YOU CUT IT OUT?

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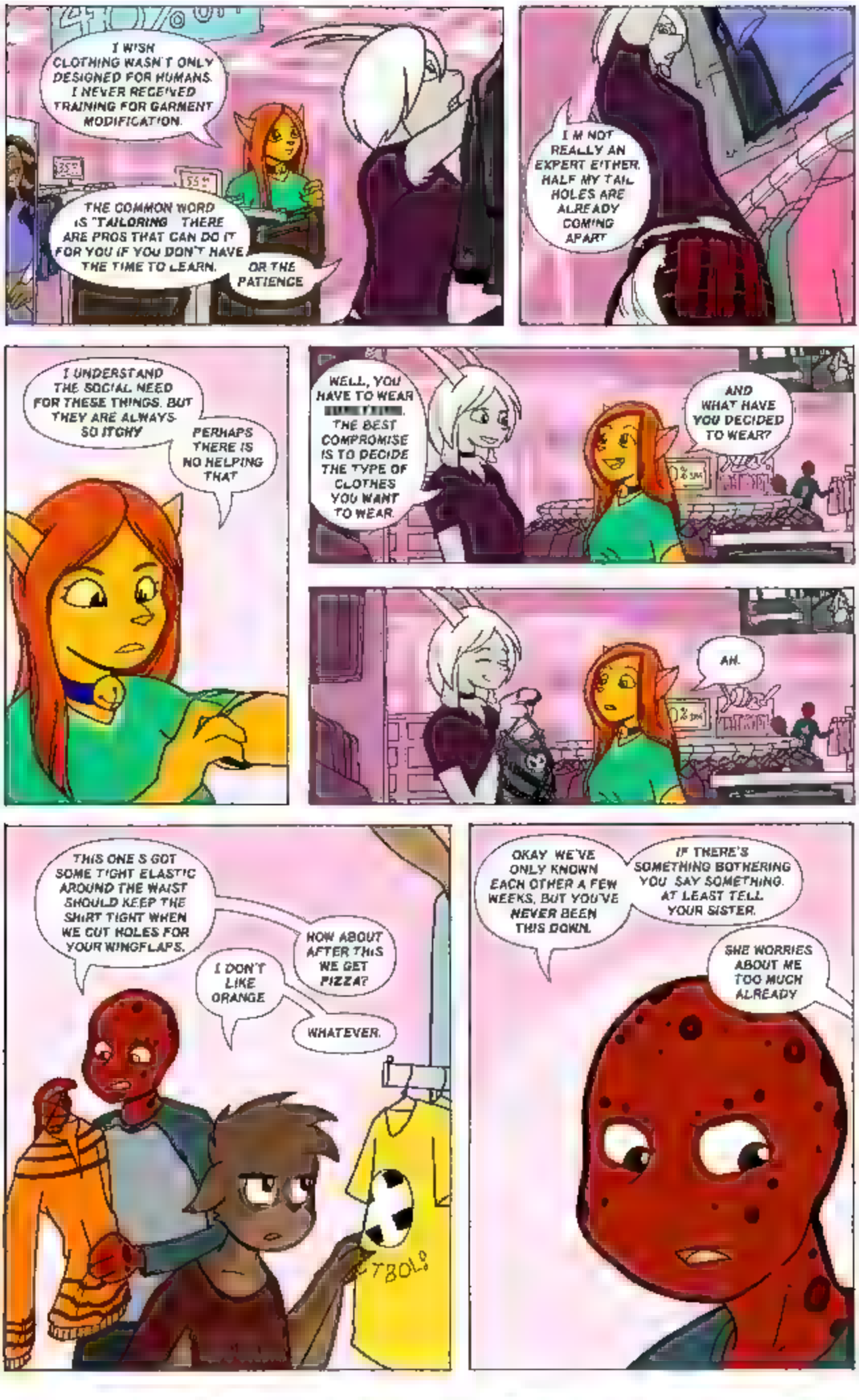
IT'S THESE BASE PAIRS HERE
THIS IS NEOTOMINAE, NOT NESOMYINAE
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE NEOTOMINAE I THINK THOSE HORNS ARE CRAMPING YOUR BRAIN.
OR MAYBE I'M TOO BUSY ADMIRING YOUR CUTE SPOTS.
SORRY I STARTED SECRETING MUCUS YESTERDAY.
GROSS.
I'M TRYING TO FIND A HORMONE THAT'LL CUT DOWN ON IT.
THAT'S NOT THE POINT IT'S... WELL, US.
YOU'RE COVERED IN SPIT AND I HAVE TO WEAR A GALLON OF PERFUME TO KEEP FROM SMELLING LIKE A ZOO.
SOME DAYS I WONDER IF ALL WE CAN DO IS TREAT THE SYMPTOMS, AND NEVER GET BACK TO NORMAL.
NORMAL" HAD IT'S PROBLEMS, TOO.
YEAH, BUT
HEY
HEY MY MAN! READY TO HIT THE MALL?
NOT REALLY
TOUGH THIRTEEN'S GONNA BE WAITING FOR US, AND YOU NEED BETTER CLOTHES THAN THE HAND-ME-DOWNS I'VE BEEN CUTTING UP FOR YOU.
[illegible], DANCE ON THE CEILING OR SOMETHING TO KEEP HIM BUSY WHILE I WASH YOUR MUCUS OFF MY WOOL.
EWW, WHAT HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN DOING?


I WISH CLOTHING WASN'T ONLY DESIGNED FOR HUMANS. I NEVER RECEIVED TRAINING FOR GARMENT MODIFICATION.
THE COMMON WORD IS "TAILORING" THERE ARE PROS THAT CAN DO IT FOR YOU IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO LEARN.
OR THE PATIENCE
I'M NOT REALLY AN EXPERT EITHER. HALF MY TAIL HOLES ARE ALREADY COMING APART
I UNDERSTAND THE SOCIAL NEED FOR THESE THINGS. BUT THEY ARE ALWAYS SO ITCHY
PERHAPS THERE IS NO HELPING THAT
WELL, YOU HAVE TO WEAR [redacted]. THE BEST COMPROMISE IS TO DECIDE THE TYPE OF CLOTHES YOU WANT TO WEAR.
AND WHAT HAVE YOU DECIDED TO WEAR?
AH.
THIS ONE'S GOT SOME TIGHT ELASTIC AROUND THE WAIST SHOULD KEEP THE SHIRT TIGHT WHEN WE CUT HOLES FOR YOUR WINGFLAPS.
I DON'T LIKE ORANGE
HOW ABOUT AFTER THIS WE GET PIZZA?
WHATEVER.
OKAY WE'VE ONLY KNOWN EACH OTHER A FEW WEEKS, BUT YOU'VE NEVER BEEN THIS DOWN.
IF THERE'S SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU SAY SOMETHING. AT LEAST TELL YOUR SISTER.
SHE WORRIES ABOUT ME TOO MUCH ALREADY

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WOULD YOU TELL ME?
SIGH
EVERYBODY AT SCHOOL'S MOCKING HOW I CAN'T FLY AND ONE GUY STARTED MAKING FUN OF ME
YEAH. THAT CAN STING.
HE THINKS HE'S BETTER THAN EVERYBODY NOW THAT HE'S THE CHEETAH.
WHAT? WHO IS HE?
RAMESES STEEL.
HE MUST BE VAUGHN STEEL'S BROTHER. VAUGHN'S SENIOR PROJECT IS CLOSE TO MY SALAMANDER SERUM.
IT WAS HUMILIATING!
I CAN'T REACT THE WAY I NEED TO. I'M ALL CLUMSY WHEN I RUN. I CAN'T EVEN GLIDE WITH MY WINGFLAPS.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING A FLYING SQUIRREL IF I CAN'T FLY?!
FLINT.. I'VE BEEN LOOKING REAL CLOSE AT THE NANOBOTS IN YOUR SYSTEM.
THEY'RE NOT AS STABLE AS CASS BECAUSE MORTY DIDN'T MEAN TO USE THEM ON YOUR DNA. I THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE THE KEY TO TURNING YOU HUMAN AGAIN. NO LUCK..
.BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO THE OPPOSITE
HUH?
YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO FLY?
SQUIRREL
SQUIRREL
"GIVE ME A FEW DAYS AND YOU JUST MIGHT."

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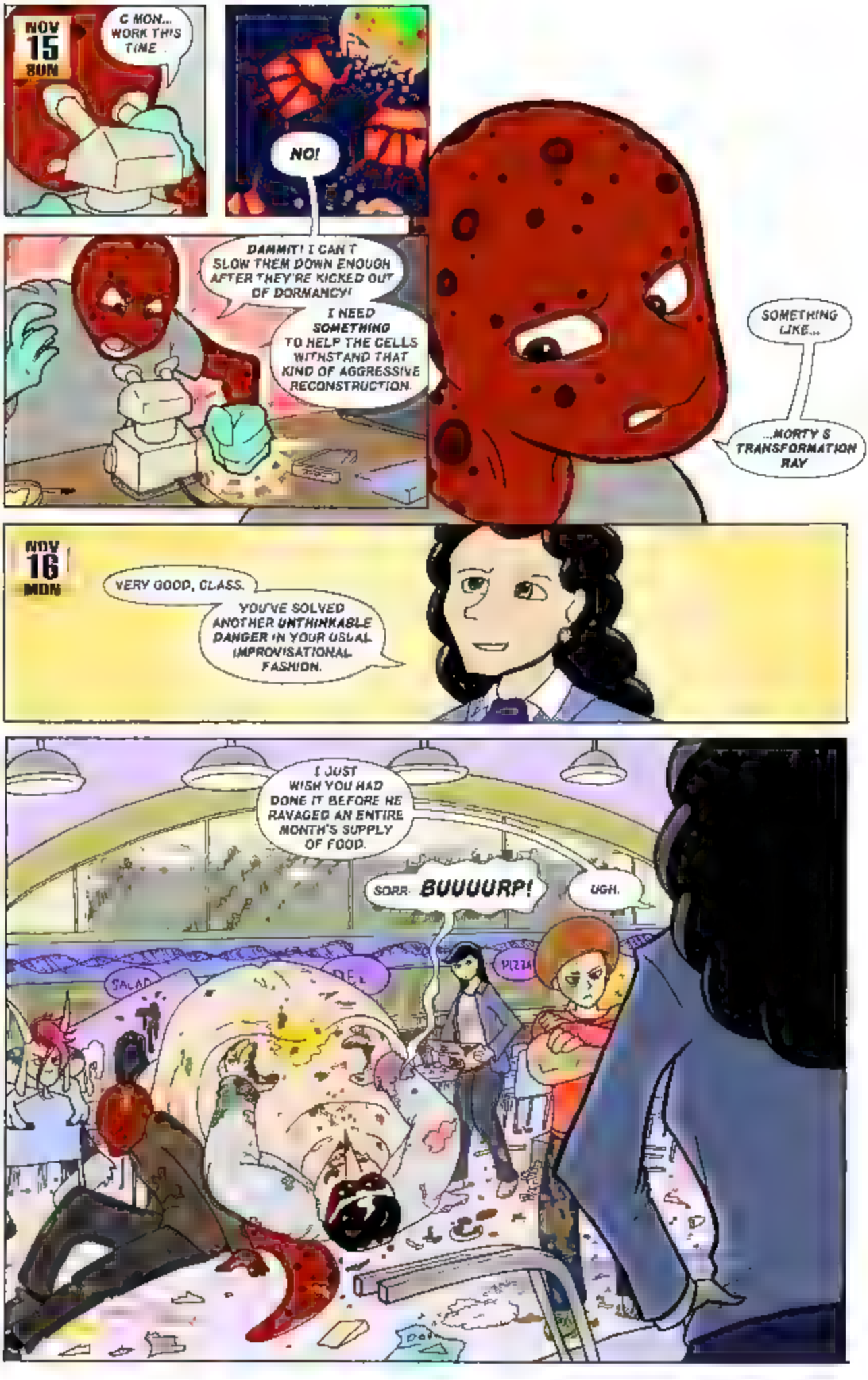
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C MON... WORK THIS TIME.
NO!
DAMMIT! I CAN'T SLOW THEM DOWN ENOUGH AFTER THEY'RE KICKED OUT OF DORMANCY!
I NEED SOMETHING TO HELP THE CELLS WITHSTAND THAT KIND OF AGGRESSIVE RECONSTRUCTION.
SOMETHING LIKE...
...MORTY'S TRANSFORMATION RAY
NOV 16 MON
VERY GOOD, CLASS.
YOU'VE SOLVED ANOTHER UNTHINKABLE DANGER IN YOUR USUAL IMPROVISATIONAL FASHION.
I JUST WISH YOU HAD DONE IT BEFORE HE RAVAGED AN ENTIRE MONTH'S SUPPLY OF FOOD.
SORR- BUUUURP!
UGH.
SALAD
PIZZA

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CLXXIX
Glad We Skipped to the End of This One
08-25-14

IT WAS A MISTAKE! HONEST. I WAS JUST TRYING TO FIGHT ANOREXIA!
BY MAKING PEOPLE EAT THEIR WAY TO A HEART ATTACK?
DOCTOR. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER RESTRICTING ACCESS TO MORTY'S RAY GUN.
WE'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS, MR. SONAR. THAT DEVICE IS TOO DANGEROUS.
MORTY BASED IT ON MY OWN NOTES. I'M UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO EXPERIMENT WITH IT.
HOW MUCH FASTER COULD WE HAVE FIXED MORTY TODAY IF WE
STOP AND CONSIDER SOMETHING. WOULD YOU BE ALLOWED TO BORROW THE LARGE HADRON COLLIDER TO POP BALLOONS?
THAT'S NOT A FAIR COMPARISON. YOUR ROGUE STUDENTS AREN'T MAKING BALLOONS. A STREET FULL OF JACKALS WON'T BE STOPPED BY NEEDLES.
THAT'S TRUE AS I RECALL, THEY WERE STOPPED BY SQUIRT GUNS.
LOOK, IF I CAN BE HONEST DOCTOR ATTIC. MORTY'S RAY SAVED YOUR LIFE. I THINK YOU OWE ME A
AS LONG AS WE'RE BEING "HONEST".. WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH IT, NOAH?
AT THE FUNDRAISER, YOU RISKED YOURSELF TO SAVE MY DAUGHTER, AND I AM THANKFUL FOR THAT
BUT THE SERUM YOU USED WAS HOMEGROWN, UNTESTED AND IT'S BEEN WHITTLING AWAY AT YOUR HUMANITY EVER SINCE
I CAN'T TRUST YOU WITH THAT MACHINE ANY MORE THAN I COULD TRUST MORTY
CURE YOURSELF NOAH. GET YOUR OWN EXPERIMENT UNDER CONTROL BEFORE MUCKING WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S.
THE FULL RESOURCES OF MY SCHOOL ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL, WITH THIS ONE EXCEPTION.
IF YOU CAN'T ACCEPT THAT, THEN YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED ANYTHING I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TEACH YOU.

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I'M SORRY, FLINT
I CAN'T DO THIS
HOPE NOAH'S GOT SOMETHING TOMORROW!
WAIT'LL THEY GET A LOAD OF
[redacted]
STEEL GET IN THE PENALTY BOX! AND CALLOWAY IF YOU DON'T QUIT GOOFING OFF YOU'RE GONNA JOIN HIM!
UFFF!
SEE YA WEDNESDAY SQUEAKS. I'LL BE AT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT, AND YOU'LL STILL BE A DITZY LITTLE RODENT!
JEEZ DID A SQUIRREL BITE YOUR MOM OR SOMETHING?

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FLINT? YOUR FACE IS DIFFERENT
HUH? OH.
IT'S CALLED UPSET
I DON'T THINK I LIKE IT
I DON'T, EITHER.
DO HUMANS GET UPSET BECAUSE OF THINGS THEY DON'T LIKE?
YEAH.
THEN I'M UPSET, TOO I CAN'T COME OVER ANY-
IT'S GETTING TOO COLD TO STAY OUTSIDE MY NEST FOR LONG.
NO!
SORRY WE'RE BROS! STAY IN OUR HOUSE THIS WINTER!
I WANT TO... BUT IT'S LIKE...A CALLING. I HAVE TO STAY IN THE NEST WITH MY FAMILY AND AFTER WINTER, I GO OFF ON MY OWN. I MIGHT NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN.
SORRY, I NEED YOU. IT'S REAL BAD AT SCHOOL!
THERE'S-
AW, IT'S OKAY
YOU NEED YOUR FAMILY GO BE WITH [redacted]
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT?
I HAVE HELP
YOU'LL COME BACK AT SPRINGTIME WON'TCHA?
OF COURSE-
IF ALL GOES WELL, I MIGHT LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT, BUT I'LL BE RIGHT HERE

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WH... WHAT'S THAT?
A CANDY WRAPPER.
IT'S SHINY
I LIKE IT
WANT TO HAVE IT?
REALLY?
I THINK I CAN GET BY WITHOUT IT
KEEP IT SO YOU HAVE SOMETHING FROM ME.
THANKS, FLINT!
HAVE A GOOD, UH, HIBERNATION SCURRY!

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YOU DON'T HAVE IT?
NOV 17 TUES
I CALIBRATED THIS RADIATION DEVICE TO TRANSMIT A REACTIVATION SIGNAL TO THE NANOBOTS FOR A FEW SECONDS TO CHANGE YOU FURTHER, ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU THE PROPER RATIO OF SQUIRREL AND HUMAN GENES THAT YOU NEED TO FLY
BUT FLINT.. NONE OF YOUR TISSUE [redacted] THE CONVERSION.
WE GOTTA TRY! TOMORROW S THE LAST GYM DAY OUTSIDE. I JUST KNOW RAMESES IS PLANNING SOMETHING AWFUL!
I'VE GOTTA BE ABLE TO STOP HIM OR ELSE ME [redacted] HOW MANY OTHER PEOPLE ARE GONNA REGRET IT!
STUFF
I M SORRY REALLY I TRIED BUT I WAS WRONG. LISTEN.
YOU'RE A PLUCKY LITTLE GUY YOU CAN STAND UP TO CHEAP THUGS LIKE RAMESES. AND EVEN IF HE S TOO MUCH. YOU REALLY SHOULD TALK TO CASS
WHAT'S THAT?
NOTHING. JUST CHATTING
CHATTING S OVER. MOM'S HERE TO TAKE FLINT TO SCHOOL
EVERYTHING OKAY FLINT?
EVERYTHING EXCEPT [redacted]. BUT I CAN HANDLE HIM.
WITH MY PLUCK

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NOV 18 WED
GOOD NEWS, JULY! DOCTOR ATTIC JUST O.K.ED YOUR PLATYPUS EGG INCUBATION PROPOSAL. YOU CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE NEXT PROPOSED PHASE.
OH. CAN I? THANK YOU SO MUCH.
NO NEED TO BE AN ASS ABOUT IT
I GET YOU'RE ON ASSIGNMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL
BUT YOU OUGHTA KNOW THESE EVALUATIONS SHE'S HAVING YOUR "SPECIAL CLASS" DO ARE RUBBING A LOT OF PEOPLE THE WRONG WAY
WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS SAFE. WE HAVE A NEAR DISASTER EVERY WEEK BECAUSE SOMEONE DIDN'T FOLLOW SAFETY GUIDELINES, OR EVEN COMMON MORAL SENSE
SO THAT'S, LIKE, FIVE PEOPLE OUT OF TWO HUNDRED.
YOU THINK MAYBE YOU GUYS ARE BEING PARANOID AFTER WHAT MORTY DID TO YOU? TREATING EVERYONE IN THE SCHOOL LIKE WE'RE ALL JUST MORTY CLONES IS GETTING A LOT OF PEOPLE FRUSTRATED.
JULY? WHAT'S GOING ON?
THERE MIGHT BE A KIND OF DEMONSTRATION AGAINST DOCTOR ATTIC THAT'S WHAT I HEARD FROM REED. NOAH REPORTED HIM YESTERDAY ON SOME BOGUS ETHICS VIOLATION.
REED?
REED STEEL? THE CHEETAH AUGMENTATION GUY?
SERIOUSLY THIS ETHICS POLICE THING
IT'S NOT BOGUS. I NEED TO GO. THANK YOU

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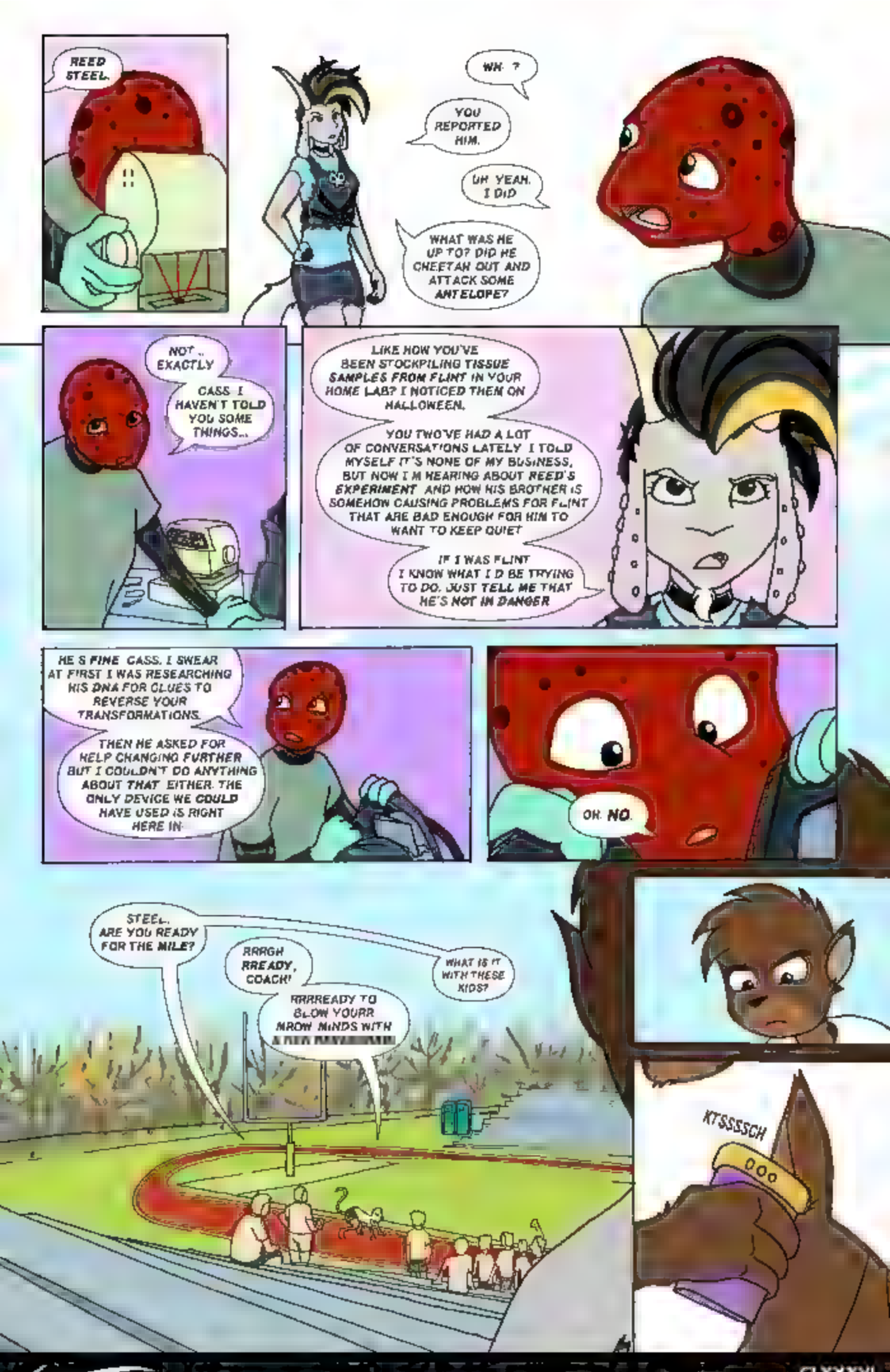
REED STEEL.
WH- ?
YOU REPORTED HIM.
UH YEAH. I DID
WHAT WAS HE UP TO? DID HE CHEETAH OUT AND ATTACK SOME ANTELOPE?
NOT... EXACTLY
CASS I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU SOME THINGS...
LIKE HOW YOU'VE BEEN STOCKPILING TISSUE SAMPLES FROM FLINT IN YOUR HOME LAB? I NOTICED THEM ON HALLOWEEN.
YOU TWO'VE HAD A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS LATELY I TOLD MYSELF IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT NOW I'M HEARING ABOUT REED'S EXPERIMENT AND HOW HIS BROTHER IS SOMEHOW CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR FLINT THAT ARE BAD ENOUGH FOR HIM TO WANT TO KEEP QUIET
IF I WAS FLINT I KNOW WHAT I'D BE TRYING TO DO. JUST TELL ME THAT HE'S NOT IN DANGER
HE'S FINE CASS. I SWEAR AT FIRST I WAS RESEARCHING HIS DNA FOR CLUES TO REVERSE YOUR TRANSFORMATIONS.
THEN HE ASKED FOR HELP CHANGING FURTHER BUT I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT EITHER. THE ONLY DEVICE WE COULD HAVE USED IS RIGHT HERE IN
OH. NO.
STEEL. ARE YOU READY FOR THE MILE?
RRRGH RREADY, COACH!
WHAT IS IT WITH THESE KIDS?
RRRREADY TO BLOW YOURR MROW MINDS WITH
KTSSSSCH
OOO

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STEEL, YOU'RE OFF THE
OH SWEET MOTHER...
HE'S COMING AT US!
KNOCK!
SQUEAK, GEEZ THAT'S H-HURTSSS.
FFFELS LIKE ESKRRK-ESSSPLODING..
ROWWR!
CHIRR?!
GROWL!
SQUEEE!

FURRY FREAKS! YOU'RE WORSE THAN CHILDREN!
THAT WAS KIND OF EPIC.
SORRY YOU DIDN'T WIN THE SEAT MIKE. I TRIED TO HELP YOU. IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR SQUIRREL PAL, MORE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE VOTED FOR YOU. INCLUDING ME
JAMES. STOP TALKING
WHY DEFEND HIM? HE EMBARRASSES HIMSELF AND EVERYONE HE TALKS WITH
YOU LET HIM RUIN YOUR SHOT AT THE COUNCIL, AND RIGHT NOW HE S COMING THIS WAY WITH A CHEETAH!
WHAT THE HELL?
RUN RUN RUN SQUEAK RUN!
IN HERE!
ROOOAR!
BAM

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ROWWR!
IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE THAT RAMBO KID?
FLINT! TELL ME YOU'RE OKAY!
M MIKE AINSQUEAK HIDE HIDE!
THERE'S NOWHERE TO HIDE!
HE'S SQUIRMING THROUGH THE DOOR!
SQWURRRLL!
FLINT YOUR MEMBRANES ARE BIGGER...CAN YOU FLY NOW?
FFFLY? FFFLY CHITTER FFFLY!
WE'RE ON THE THIRD FLOOR! YOU COULD GET OUT OF HERE AND RAMESES WON'T CATCH YOU!
IF YOU CAN UNDERSTAND US, DUDE, YOU GOTTA GO RIGHT NOW! HE'S AFTER YOU! WE'LL BE FINE!
N NO KHAT EAT KHLAW EAT!
JUST
GO!
SQUEE
HE'S IN!
SNARL!
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Out, Out Darn Spot
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SOON
THE NANOBOTS ARE HOLDING STEADY YOUR CELLULAR INTEGRITY IS SURPRISINGLY GOOD
I SUPPOSE THE TEST SAMPLES THAT BROKE DOWN IN NOAH'S LAB...
WERE WEAKENED BY BEING KEPT IN AN INFERIOR STASIS ENVIRONMENT
IT'S GONNA BE TOUGHER THAN EVER NOW BUT HOLD ONTO WHAT YOU REALLY ARE OKAY? DO THAT AND YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS
I KNHN... KNOW
I M SORRY.
I SENT SOMEONE TO LOOK FOR THAT PURPLE THING YOU ASKED ABOUT NOTHING YET
THANK YOU
MORTY SAYS FLINT IS STABLE
WELL, THAT S GOOD NEWS.
LOOK, ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATION RAY...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS A GOOD TIME FOR--?
YOU WERE RIGHT
DON'T LET ME NEAR IT EVER.
BECAUSE IF I GET MY HANDS ON IT NOTHING IS GOING TO STOP ME FROM TRYING TO CHANGE THEM BACK TO NORMAL, AND I'D PROBABLY KILL THEM IN THE PROCESS.

MIKE AND I'LL VISIT A LOT, OKAY?
HANG IN THERE, FUZZ FACE.
C'YA GUYS.
GRRARGH!
SNARL!
ROWLL!
HSSSSSS!
RANNM ZEES..
HIS CHANGES STOPPED AT 95 PERCENT. WHATEVER S LEFT OF HIS HUMAN MIND IS BURIED DEEP
THIRTEEN'S NOT HAVING MUCH LUCK GETTING THROUGH TO HIM.
HIS BROTHER S GOT A LOT TO ANSWER FOR.
CHITTER.. WILL FFFLINT BEAK BE LIKE THAT?
NO. YOUR DNA IS "LOCKED" AGAIN. YOU RE OKAY
JUST HOLD ON LIKE NOAH SAID REMEMBER THAT INSIDE. YOU'RE HUMAN.
NO.
.IMA FFFLYING SQUIRREL

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"IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO START UNTIL TONIGHT!"
IT CAME ON SUDDENLY ABOUT AN HOUR AGO. THERE'S ALREADY A COUPLE INCHES OUT THERE.
SIGH. I'D SEND EVERYONE HOME BUT NOW THE BLIZZARD IS FORECAST TO LET UP BY TWO O CLOCK.
IT'D BE SAFER TO WAIT IT OUT
EXACTLY WHAT I WAS THINKING.
NO. I'M GOING TO GUESS YOUR LINE OF REASONING HAD TO DO WITH KEEPING THE STUDENTS AVAILABLE FOR [redacted].
WHAT'S IT THEY SAY? "YOU MARRY THE ONE WHO KNOWS YOU BETTER THAN YOU KNOW YOURSELF."
"THEY" ALSO SAID "YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT OBNOXIOUS CAR SALESMAN."
YOU OKAY, HON?
LONG NIGHT. TROM GOT ANOTHER BRUISE AND WOULDN'T STOP CRYING. MEANWHILE SIX MORE PARENTS CALLED TO SAY THEY'RE PULLING THEIR KIDS OUT OF SCHOOL.
I'VE GOT A CLASS IN TEN MINUTES WHERE WE'RE GOING OVER FIVE STUDENT ETHICS VIOLATIONS...
PLUS THERE'S ANOTHER CALL WITH THE GENERAL TONIGHT. AND AFTER THE LATEST FIASCO WITH RAMESES AND FLINT, I JUST KNOW THAT'S NOT GONNA GO WELL.
I'LL BE HERE IF YOU NEED ANYTHING
JUST FOCUS ON YOUR DOCUMENTARY, SIN. AND MAKE SURE THE KIDS BROUGHT THEIR SIGNED RELEASES BEFORE YOU WASTE TOO MUCH OF THEIR TIME, OKAY?
OKAY. HANG IN THERE.
I'LL TRY. BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES...
...THE WORST PART OF THE DAY WILL BE WHATEVER I'M NOT EXPECTING

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Delivery accepted!
PLEASE READ YOUR ASSIGNED STUDENTS' PROGRESS REPORTS OVER THE BREAK.
YOU SHOULD BEGIN INVESTIGATING ANY ETHICAL CONCERNS WHEN WE GET BACK. ANY QUESTIONS?
LUCAS VELAZQUEZ'S GASTROINTESTINAL EFFICIENCY PROJECT?
YOU GAVE ME THIS ONE ON PURPOSE. DIDN'T YOU?
YES.
ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
THEN YOU'RE DISMISSED. HAPPY THANKSGIVING, EVERYONE

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CASHMERE ONE MINUTE PLEASE.
I HOPE THIS ISN'T TOO FORWARD. BUT I HEARD YOU TURNED DOWN AN OFFER TO BE INTERVIEWED FOR THE DOCUMENTARY
RESPECTFULLY, DOCTOR. I M NOT EVEN OKAY WITH BEING [redacted]
THE LAST THING I WANT IS TO HAVE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS OF THIS BODY PRESERVED FOR ALL TIME
THAT'S PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE REFUSING FOR THE RIGHT REASONS.
YOU RE AN EXTREMELY TALENTED GIRL WHO S PERSEVERED THROUGH INCREDIBLE CHALLENGES THESE PAST WEEKS. THAT KIND OF POSITIVE PERSPECTIVE IS EXACTLY WHAT THE DOCUMENTARY NEEDS.
WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DOCTOR. BUT I M NOT GOING TO DO IT
I HAVE TO ASK YOU TO.
YOU "HAVE" TO?
IT WOULD... MEAN A LOT TO ME.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE ADVOCATED FOR THE DOCUMENTARY SINCE YOU ANNOUNCED IT
I THOUGHT YOU WERE BARELY TOLERATING IT
I HAD...
WELL, I THOUGHT
YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO ME?
NOT BEING SEEN AS "THE GOAT GIRL" WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT THE WORLD WOULD SEE NO MATTER WHAT INSPIRING CRAP WAS SPILLING OUT OF MY MOUTH.
THEY WOULD KNOW THERE S [redacted] HERE!
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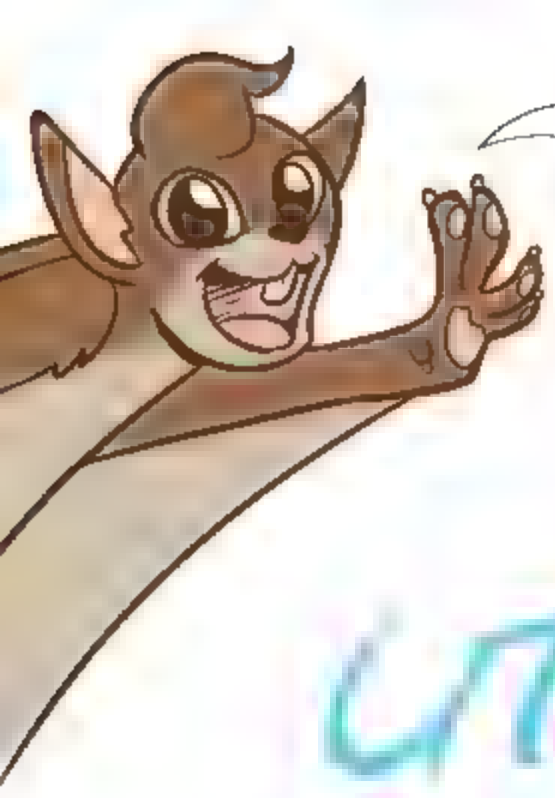

HEY EVERYBODY! JIM'S WORKING ON THE SECOND TRADE PAPERBACK FOR UTC AND THE FIRST PAGES OF THE NEXT BRAND NEW CHAPTER, SO HE SENT ME TO TELL YOU WHAT'S WHAT.

THE COMIC'S COMING BACK ON **OCTOBER 31!** THAT'S HALLOWEEN!

BUT TO TIDE YOU OVER, HERE'S A DIFFERENT KIND OF TRANSFORMATION STORY THAT HE'S BEEN WORKING ON BIT BY BIT OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS!

IT'LL UPDATE HERE ON THE UTC SITE DURING THE MONTH. ENJOY!

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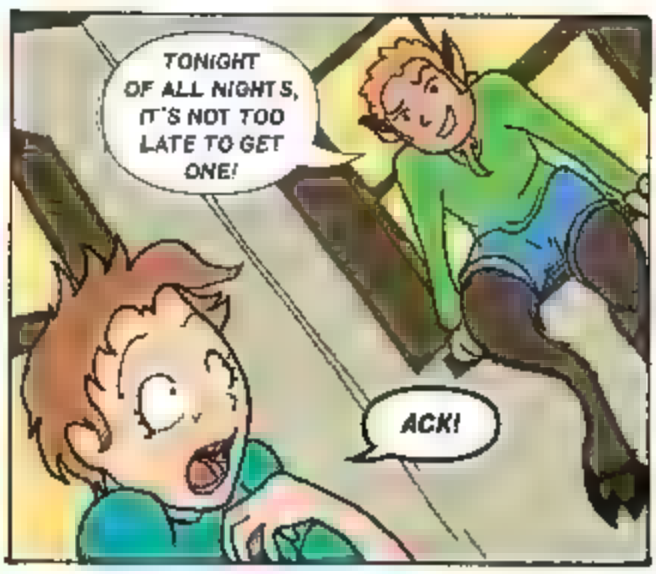
"LET YOUR HAIR DOWN"



SORRY TO STARTLE YA. I COULDN'T HELP EAVESDROPPING. IT'S SORTA IN MY NATURE.
WH WHO ARE YOU?
I'M PAN. YOUR NEXT [redacted]
I DON'T USUALLY LOOK LIKE THIS EXCEPT ON HALLOWEEN. WHEN ALL THE MYTHICAL CREATURES CAN BE THEMSELVES.

AND IT SO HAPPENS THAT MY TALENTS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TONIGHT TO GIVE YOU A CERTAIN KIND OF COSTUME.
UH ..WHAT KIND?
LOOKS LIKE... FAIRY TALE HEROINES?
YOU MUST HAVE LOVED FAIRY TALES WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE.

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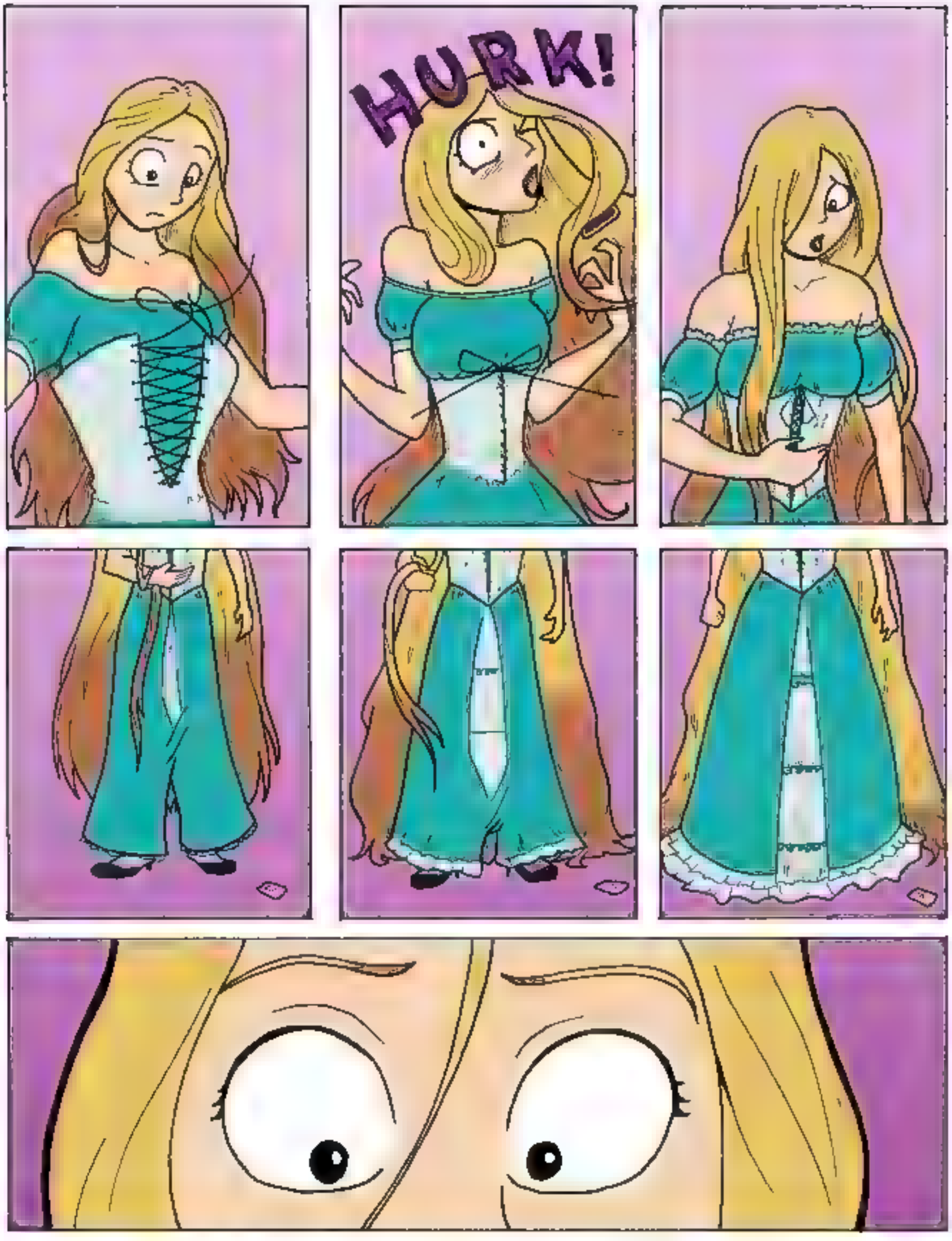
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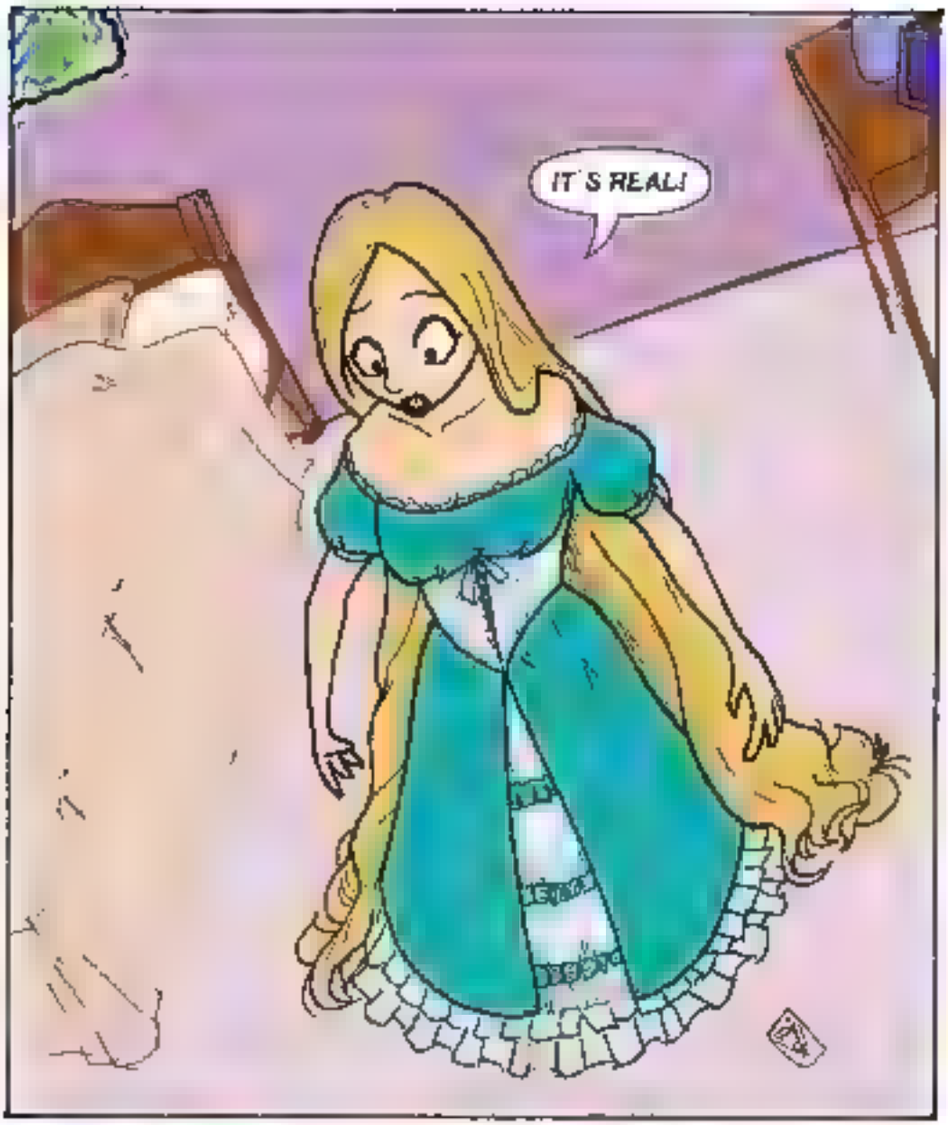
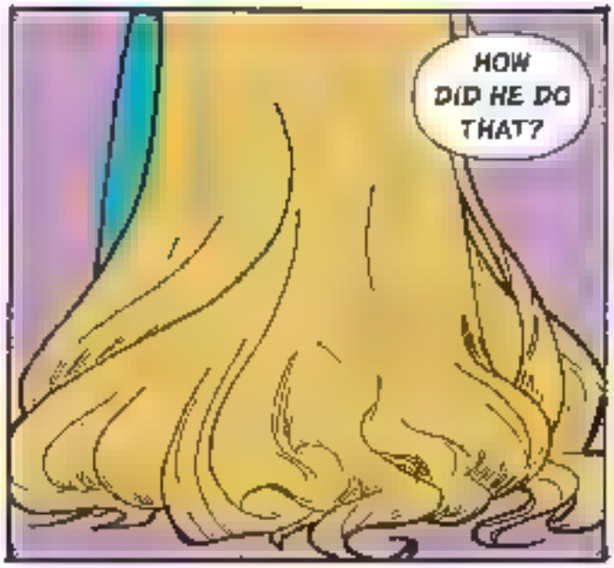
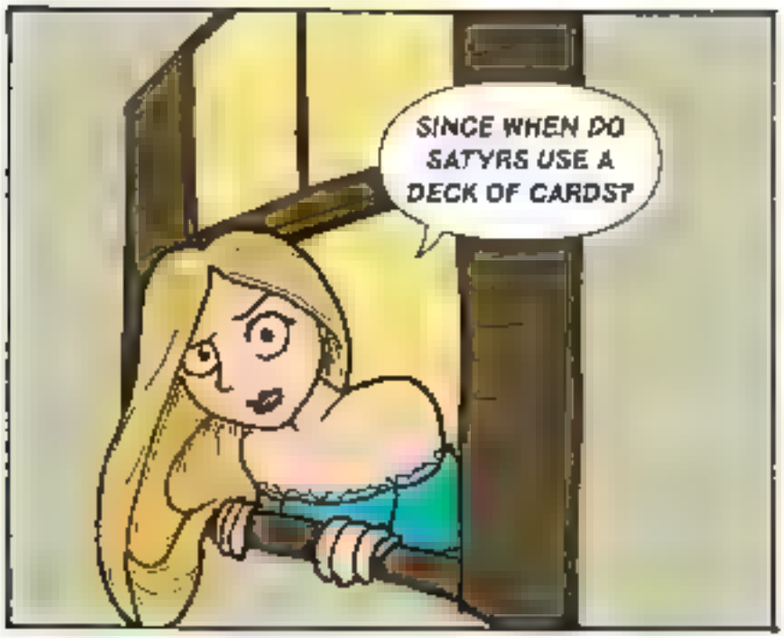

IT'S REAL!

IT'S REALLY REAL!

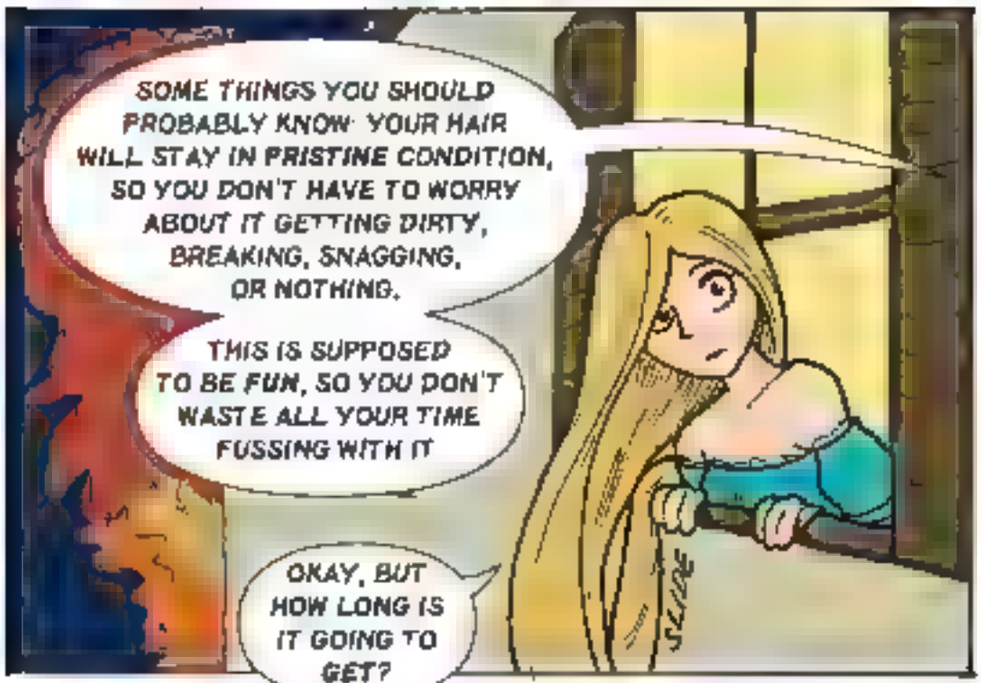

HOW DID HE DO THAT?

HOW DID YOU DO THAT?

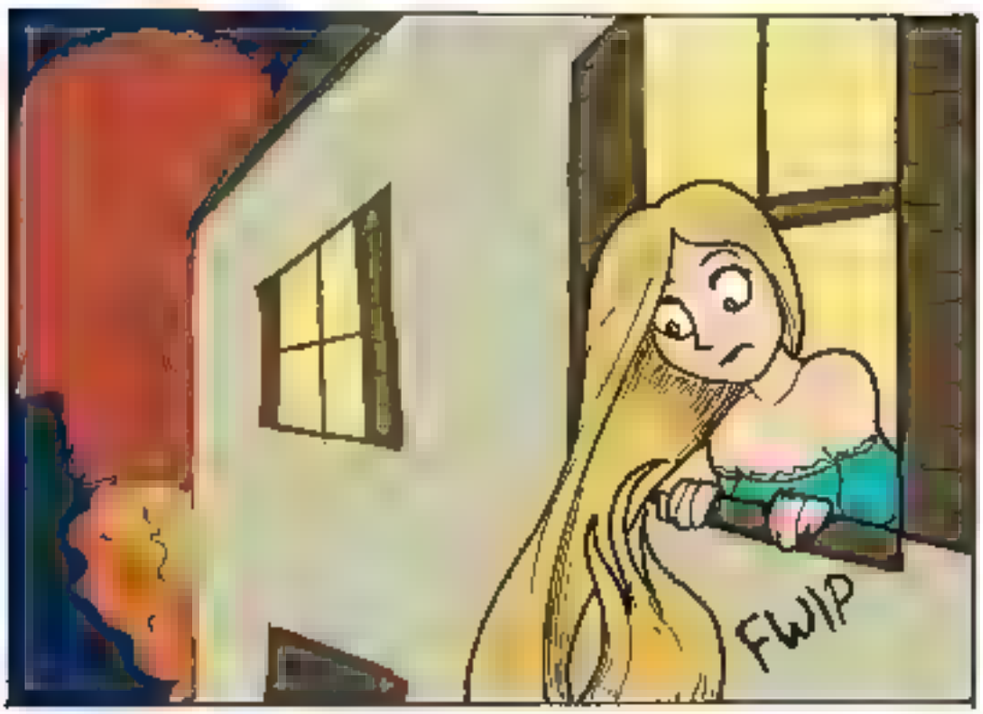
TOLD YA. IT'S PART OF THE MAGIC OF HALLOWEEN!
MY CARDS CHANGED TO FAIRY TALE CHARACTERS BECAUSE THEY SENSED YOU LIKE FAIRY TALES.
YOU'LL BE RAPUNZEL UNTIL MIDNIGHT


SINCE WHEN DO SATYRS USE A DECK OF CARDS?

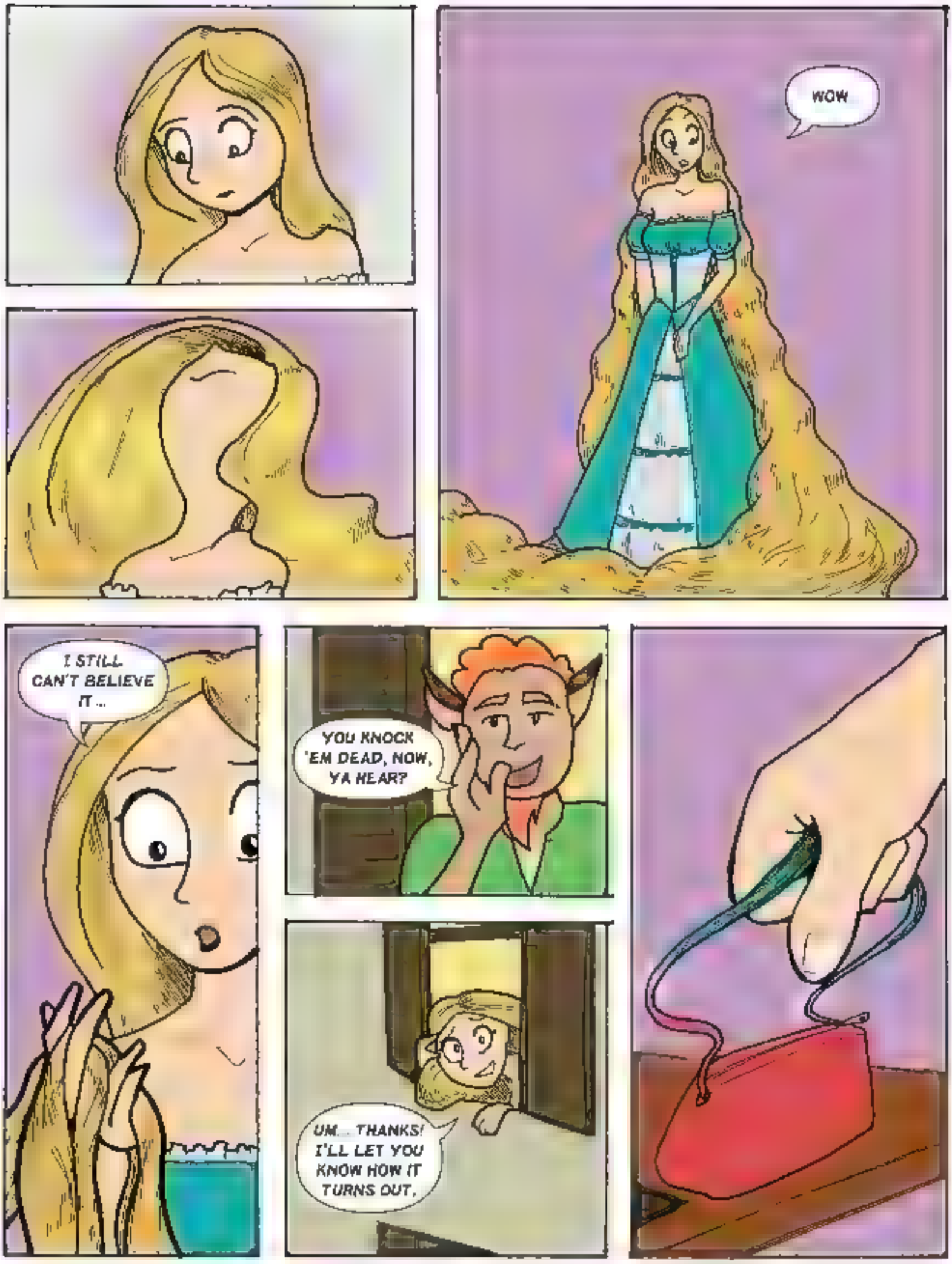
SINCE LONG AFTER PEOPLE STOPPED WRITING MYTHS ABOUT US.
LEMME GUESS. YOU THINK I OWN PANPIPES, TOO.
DO YOU?
YES.
NOW LISTEN...


SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD PROBABLY KNOW: YOUR HAIR WILL STAY IN PRISTINE CONDITION, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT GETTING DIRTY, BREAKING, SNAGGING, OR NOTHING.
THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE FUN, SO YOU DON'T WASTE ALL YOUR TIME FUSSING WITH IT
OKAY, BUT HOW LONG IS IT GOING TO GET?
SLIDE

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE STILL GOT A WAYS.


FWIP

THE ORIGINAL RAPUNZEL HAD SIXTY FEET, IF MEMORY SERVES.
CRIPES.
ALL THE MORE REASON TO GRANT YOU SOME CONVENIENT PROTECTION ENCHANTMENTS.
TRY PULLING IT OUT OF THAT BUSH.
WOW! IT SLIPPED RIGHT OUT!
SEE? SO I GUESS YOU D BETTER BE HEADING OUT TO THAT PARTY
OUT? LIKE THIS? IT'LL TAKE ALL NIGHT JUST TO COMB IT NEATLY!
NAW IT WON T JUST GIVE IT A GOOD SHAKE.


WOW
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT ...
YOU KNOCK 'EM DEAD, NOW, YA HEAR?
UM... THANKS! I'LL LET YOU KNOW HOW IT TURNS OUT.

IT'S STILL GROWING. ALREADY THERE'S WAY TOO MUCH FOR ME TO CARRY.
HAVE TO HOPE IT REALLY WON'T GET DIRTY DRAGGING IT ON THE STREETS.
UM... GOOD EVENING.

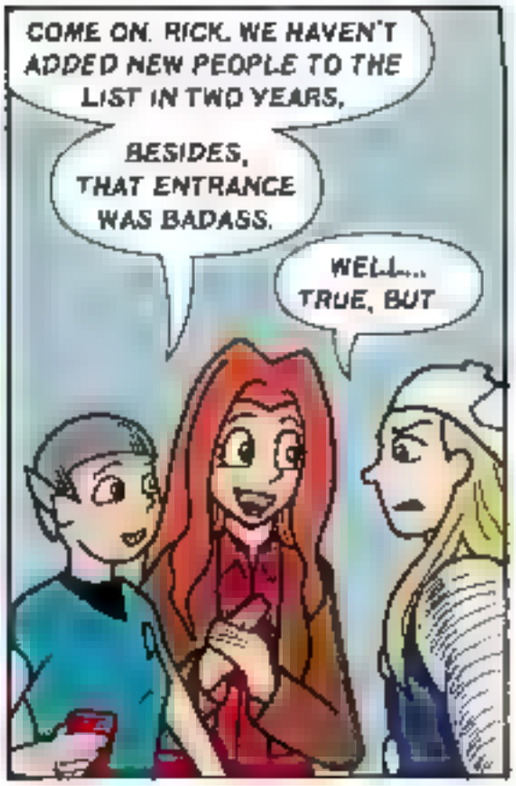
WHERE'S JILL? THE PARTY'S HALF OVER.
DING DONG!
THAT'S GOTTA BE HER.
JILL?
HUFF... HI...RELENA. SORRY...HUFF... I'M LATE...
ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH I... JUST...HAD TO USE THE... STAIRS...
DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE MY CHANCES WITH THE ELEVATOR.

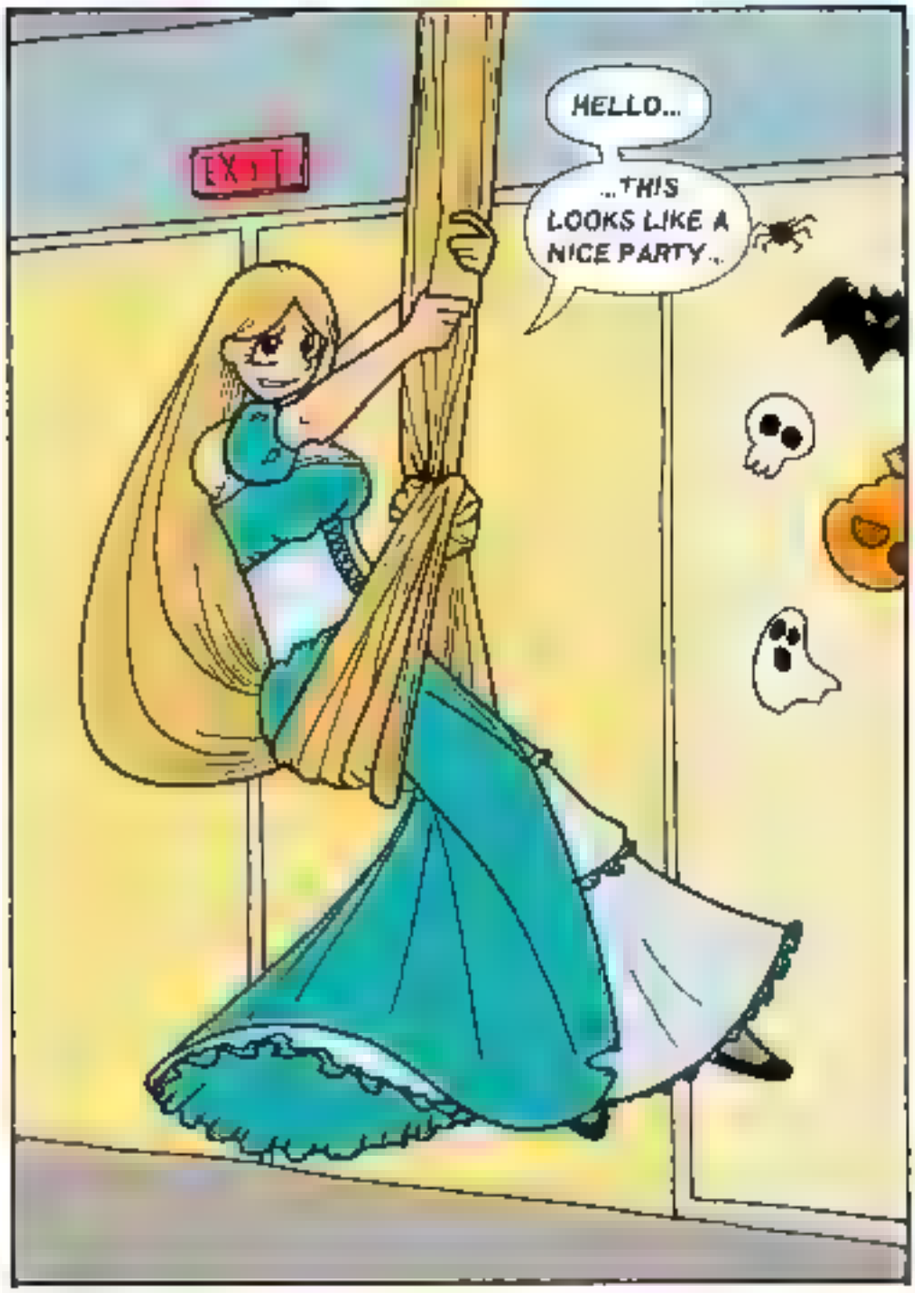
...AND THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED TO COME OVER HERE.
WOW. GUESS I'M NOT ALLOWED TO SAY I CAN'T BELIEVE IT LOOK AT ALL THAT
SHOULD WE, I DUNNO, DO SOMETHING WITH IT? IT MIGHT NOT GET DIRTY, BUT IT'S GONNA TRIP SOMEBODY SOONER OR LATER.
UNTZ UNTZ UNTZ
WHAT'S THAT OUT THERE?
WOO-OOH!
UNTZ
UN
THAT'S THE BIG PARTY ON THE THIRD FLOOR. THEY'RE LIKE THAT EVERY YEAR.
THEY GO ALL NIGHT NOBODY IN THE REST OF THE BUILDING GETS INVITED. SHOCKER.
BUT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO CRASH IT...
UNTZ
UNTZ
UNTZ
LIKE WE'D EVEN BE ABLE TO, ALL THE WAY UP...
..OH. OH, NO.
NO.

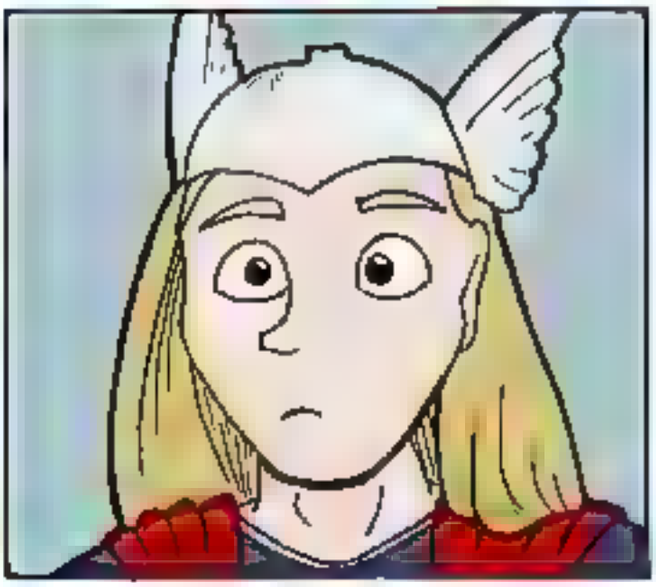
THEN HE SAID TO ME, "I CAN GIVE YOU ANY COSTUME YOU WANT, AND IT'LL BE THE REAL THING. LIKE YOU ARE LEGIT THAT GUY YOU WANNA BE."
AND I SAID "NO" AS NICE AS I COULD AND GOT THE HELL OUTTA THERE.
I'M GOOD! KEEP LOWERING!
GERONIMO!

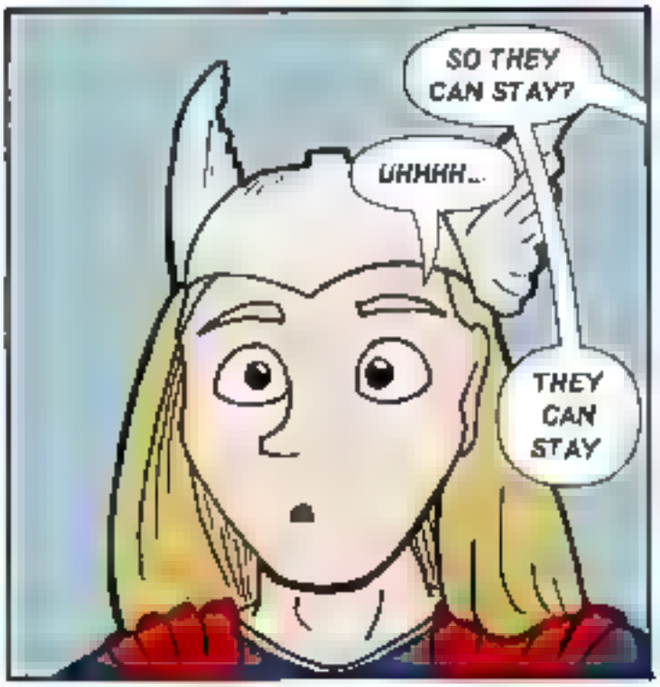
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?
UM... I'M RELENA. HOPE IT'S OKAY TO DROP IN LIKE THIS?
MISS AMERICA

SCUSE ME, BUT THIS IS MY PARTY, AND IT S INVITE ONLY


COME ON. RICK. WE HAVEN'T ADDED NEW PEOPLE TO THE LIST IN TWO YEARS.
BESIDES, THAT ENTRANCE WAS BADASS.
WELL... TRUE, BUT


EXIT
HELLO...
...THIS LOOKS LIKE A NICE PARTY..




SO THEY CAN STAY?
UHHHH...
THEY CAN STAY

HI NICE HAIR.
THANK YOU.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
RAPUNZEL.
UH... I MEAN.. MY NAME'S RA-
HEH HEH...
RAPUNZEL
WOW, THIS SPELL ISN'T MESSING AROUND.
OKAY, WELL...
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, MAIDEN RAPUNZEL, I AM THOR, SON OF ODIN.
BUT YOU CAN CALL ME RICK.
HI, RICK. AM I RIGHT IN BELIEVING YOU LOOK LIKE YOU WANT TO ASK ME TO DANCE?
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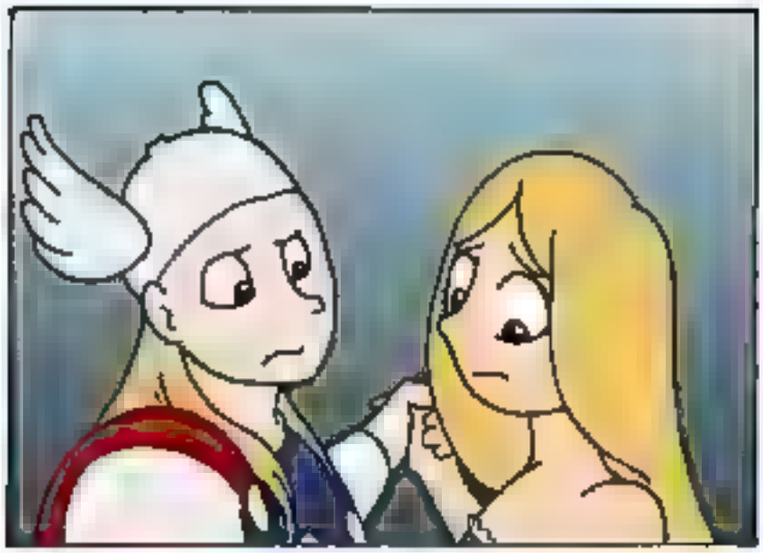

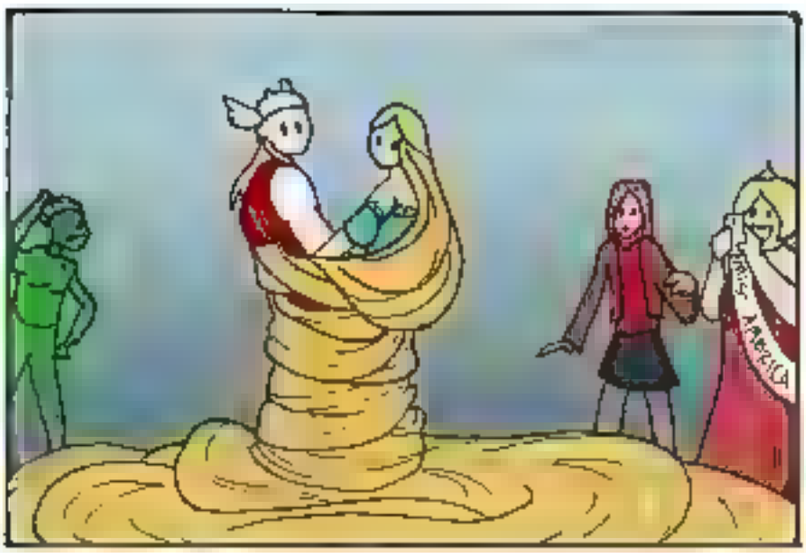

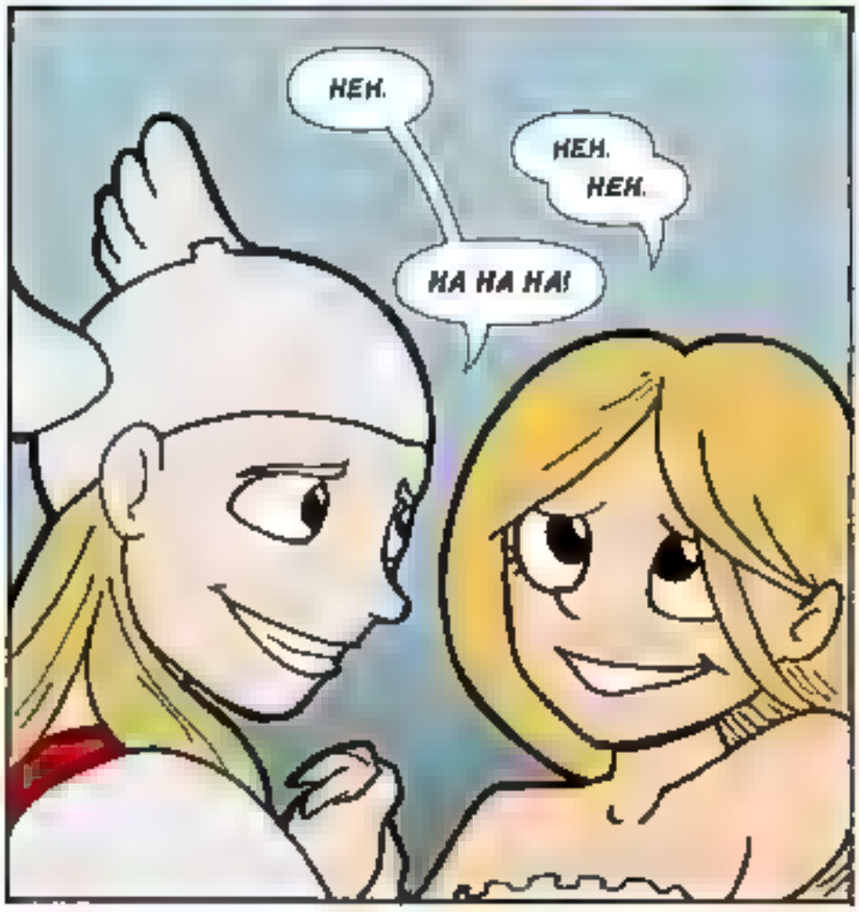
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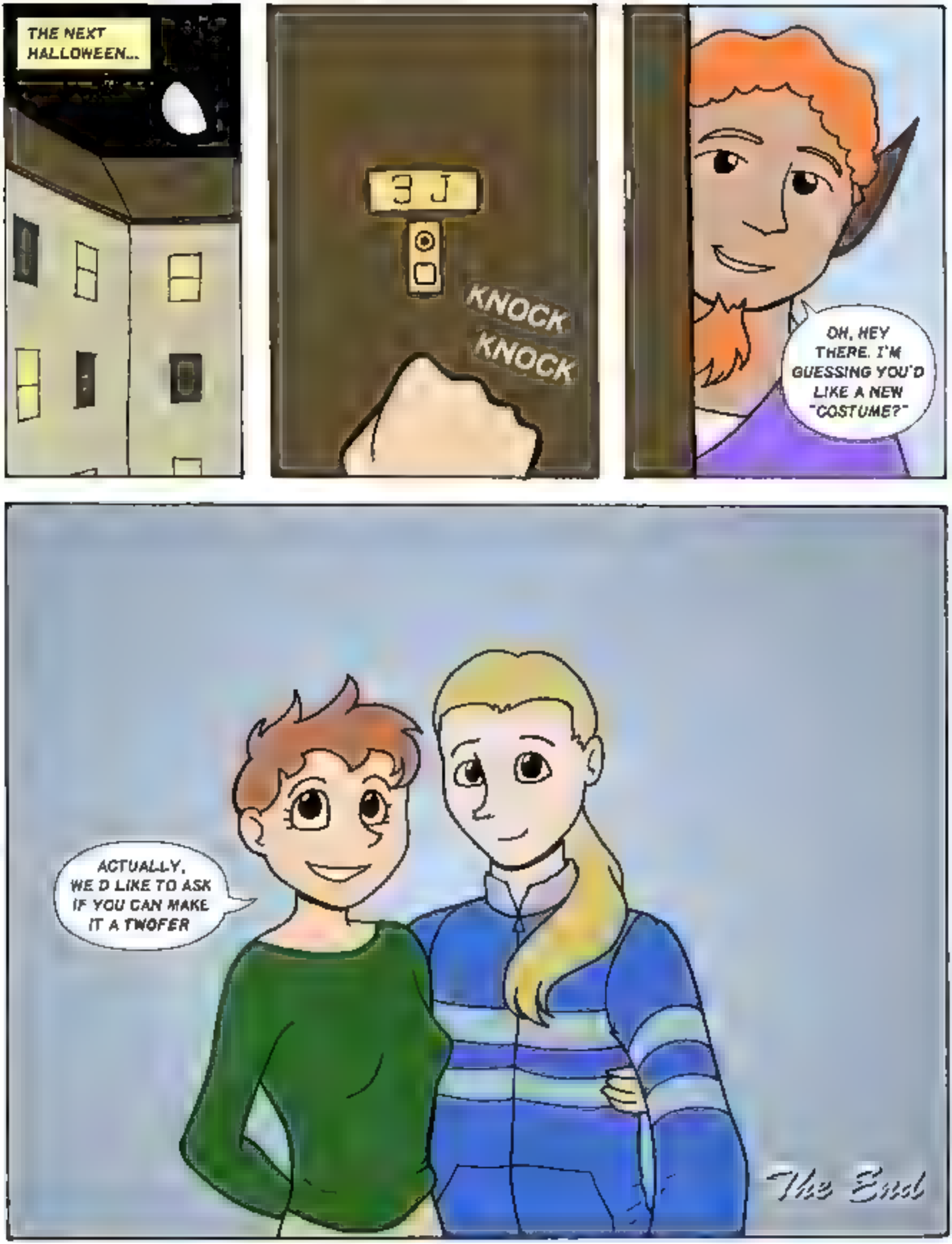
THE NEXT HALLOWEEN...
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KNOCK KNOCK
OH, HEY THERE. I'M GUESSING YOU'D LIKE A NEW "COSTUME?"
ACTUALLY, WE D LIKE TO ASK IF YOU CAN MAKE IT A TWOFER
The End

PREVIOUSLY IN ATTIC

Attic High, an elite private school for young scientists, held a fundraising event for its students participating in a genetics competition. The project showing the most success and value to society at the end of the school year would receive a generous reward.

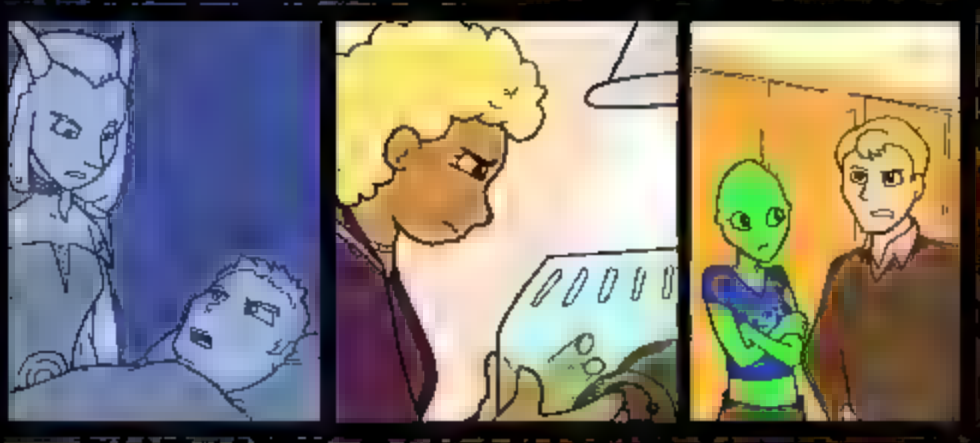
Morty, blinded by ambition and jealousy, viewed fellow students **Cass** and **Demetrius** as his main competition. He plotted to alter the pair's genetic structure, presumably distracting them from working on their projects and allowing him to claim first place.

His plan had numerous unforeseen consequences.

In the wake of Morty's actions, Principal **Jennifer Attic** drafted Cass, Morty and Demetrius, as well as **Noah**, **Ashton** and **Katsuko**, into a new class that would examine and regulate all of the senior science projects in the interests of safety and humanity.

This plan also had numerous unforeseen consequences.

Growing resentment at being policed by their own classmates led **Ken**, **Kestrel** and other students to mount a rebellion.

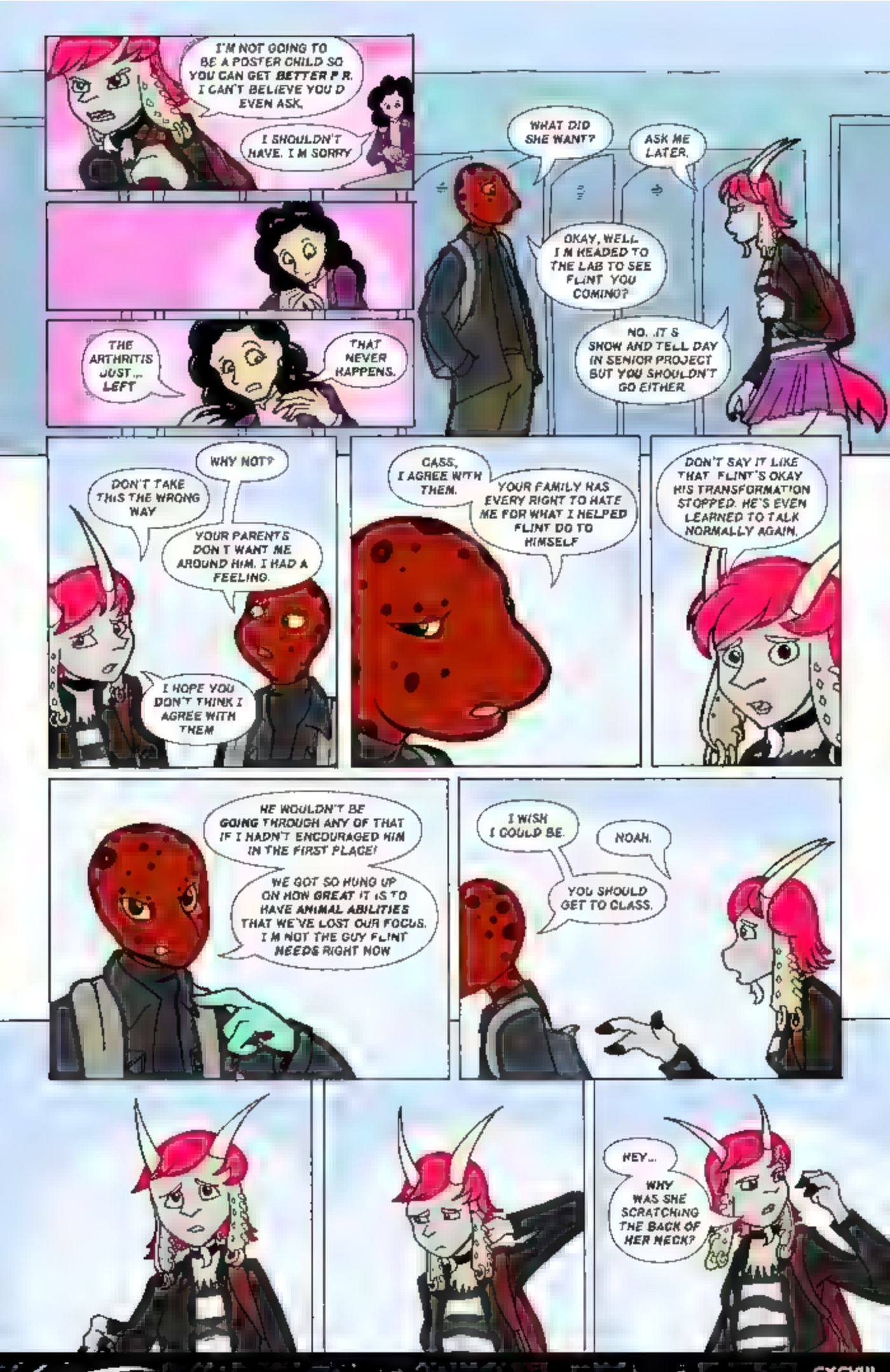


In the midst of an isolating snowstorm, they took control of Attic High by stealing back their confiscated scientific equipment, putting every adult in the school to sleep, and regressing Jen into a young girl with hours left to live.

This plan...

...Well.

You get the idea.


I'M NOT GOING TO BE A POSTER CHILD SO YOU CAN GET BETTER P.R. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D EVEN ASK.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE. I'M SORRY
THE ARTHRITIS JUST... LEFT
THAT NEVER HAPPENS.
WHAT DID SHE WANT?
ASK ME LATER.
OKAY, WELL. I'M HEADED TO THE LAB TO SEE FLINT. YOU COMING?
NO. IT'S SHOW AND TELL DAY IN SENIOR PROJECT BUT YOU SHOULDN'T GO EITHER.
WHY NOT?
DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY
YOUR PARENTS DON'T WANT ME AROUND HIM. I HAD A FEELING.
I HOPE YOU DON'T THINK I AGREE WITH THEM
CASS, I AGREE WITH THEM.
YOUR FAMILY HAS EVERY RIGHT TO HATE ME FOR WHAT I HELPED FLINT DO TO HIMSELF
DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT. FLINT'S OKAY. HIS TRANSFORMATION STOPPED. HE'S EVEN LEARNED TO TALK NORMALLY AGAIN.
HE WOULDN'T BE GOING THROUGH ANY OF THAT IF I HADN'T ENCOURAGED HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE!
WE GOT SO HUNG UP ON HOW GREAT IT IS TO HAVE ANIMAL ABILITIES THAT WE'VE LOST OUR FOCUS. I'M NOT THE GUY FLINT NEEDS RIGHT NOW
I WISH I COULD BE.
NOAH.
YOU SHOULD GET TO CLASS.
HEY...
WHY WAS SHE SCRATCHING THE BACK OF HER NECK?

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HEY! HE'TH GOT BLUE SKIN! THAT'S NEW!
FLINT! DON'T POINT, AND DON'T SHOUT THAT'S RUDE
SORRY
SORRY BLUE GUY! I LIKE IT THOUGH!
STILL RUDE!
I CAN'T HELP IT DAD! MY BRAINTH BUZZING WITH SQUIRREL STUFF ITH HARD ENOUGH TRYIN' TO CONTHENTRATE SAYING WORDTH WITH "S"ES.
SUP FLEM?
FLINT
DON'T BOTHER, DAD
WE'LL BE QUICK TODAY. YESTERDAY'S RESULTS WERE UNCHANGED FROM THURSDAY'S, SO WE'RE NOT DOING THE FULL ROUTINE
ANY CLOSER TO HACKING THE NANOBOTS?
MORTY'S TRYING A NEW APPROACH, BUT HONESTLY IT'S AS LIKELY TO FAIL AS THE [redacted].
YOU'RE A FOUNTAIN OF CONFIDENCE, ASHTON.
IN A TRASH CAN, PRINTS WIPED OFF
GOOD JOB, WONDER HOW LONG 'TILL SHE NOTICES?
'TILL WHO NOTITHES WHAT?
FLINT!
SORRY SORRY HE'S... SQUIRRELLY
IT... HAPPENS.
CAN YOU JUST FOCUS ON WALKING IN A STRAIGHT LINE? PLEASE?
THORRY, DAD
FOLLOW EM.

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I WAS SIGNED UP FOR A LAB. NUMBER TWO. AND IT EXPLODED WHEN THE HUSH PUPPIES WENT OFF
TELL YOU WHAT KEV WE'LL GO AS FAST AS WE CAN AND YOU CAN HAVE THE REST OF OUR TIME THAT OKAY?
THAT'S FINE THANK YOU
LAB TIME IS AT A PREMIUM HUH?
LAB FOUR IS REOPENING NEXT WEEK, BUT TWO AND THREE ARE SO BADLY DAMAGED THEY MIGHT NOT BE REPAIRED UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR.
MUST BE FRUSTRATING
JUST MEANS THINGTH STHAY EXCITING!
AND DANGEROUS, I HOPE NOBODY GOT HURT
HEY WE EFFECTIVELY FELL OVER THIRTY FEET WHEN LAB THREE COLLAPSED AND WE WALKED AWAY FROM IT
FORTUNE FAVORS ATTIC HIGH STUDENTS.
HELLO!
THIR SQUEAK TEEN!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
MASTER MORTY ASKED ME TO COME IN AND ASSIST YOU TODAY HE HAS AN IMPORTANT CLASS RIGHT NOW.
CONSSSIDERING YOU MISSSED OUR LASSST PRESSSENTATION DAY, MISSSTER MONTOVARIUSSS...
..YOU CAN GO FIRSSST
I'LL HAVE TO THANK ARGO IF HE EVER RETURNS. YOUR NEW LISP IS INDESCRIBABLY AMUSING.

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MR. CALLOWAY I PRESUME? I M GENETIC EXPERIMENT THIRTEEN.
CASS MENTIONED YOU. YOU'RE ANOTHER OF MORTY S VICTIMS FROM THE FUNDRAISER?
UMM NO, SIR.
MASTER MORTY CREATED ME IN HIS LAB SEVEN MONTHS AGO HE S MY CARETAKER
THEN GO LET HIM TAKE CARE OF YOU WE'VE GOT THIS.
HEY!
C'MON. DEE. EVERYTHING MORTY MAKES IS BAD NEWS. THIS THING ALMOST INFECTED YOU WITH
I UNDERSTAND YOUR DISPOSITION SO MY INVOLVEMENT WITH FLINT S MUTATION IS WHY YOU'RE NOT ALSO OBJECTING TO THE CHAMELEON BEING HERE.
WHAT CHAMELEON?
THE ONE UP THERE

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Unwelcome
02-02-15

WHO DO WE HAVE HERE? FACES ARE CHANGING FASTER THAN I CAN KEEP UP
MISTERS ROCKWELL AND SWANSON HAD A FIGHT THIS MORNING OVER LAB SPACE. NO MAJOR INJURIES.
NOT THE WORST NEWS WE'VE HAD TODAY
IS IT ALL SETTLED? YOU GOT YOUR KICKS OUT AND APOLOGIZED?
YEAH.
IT WAS STUPID
THEN YOU'RE FREE TO GO.
DOOR'S RIGHT THERE.
THAT WAS GENEROUS. HAVING A GOOD DAY?
THE OPPOSITE, ACTUALLY
BUT SUDDENLY I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOT ENERGY TO SPARE
STOP THAT LIZARD!
HUH? WHERE?
POP!
UP TH
AUGH! DAMMIT, HANDS!
NICE CAMOUFLAGE.
BUT IT ONLY WORKS FROM ONE PERSPECTIVE

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THE MICE ADOPTED THE TRAITS WITH ALMOST TOTAL ACCURACY
I PLAN TO MOVE ONTO MORE ADVANCED SHAPES NEXT MONTH, AS WELL AS REPLICATING THIS SUCCESS WITH SKIN PIGMENTATION.
HASSS THISSS HAD ANY EFFECT ON THEIR HEALTH OR BEHAV
IT SSS REPORT DAY UNLESSS YOU'RE THE PRINSSSIPAL.
AH.
BUT KATSSSUKO HASSSN'T PRESSSENTED
YESSS. OF COURSSSE
FOR YOU.
DOCTOR ATTIC?
I'VE GIVEN YOU, KATSUKO AND MORTY PERMISSION TO COME TO MY OFFICE. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH THE OTHERS.
OH GOD, I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG WHAT IS IT? ARE YOU OKAY?
JUST HURRY
SQUIRM ALL YOU WANT. WITH THESE ARMS I CAN KEEP THIS UP ALL DAY
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, KESTREL?
YOU KNOW HER?
SHE'S IN MY SENIOR PROJECT CLASS. HER ENTRY IN THE GENETICS COMPETITION IS A TREATMENT THAT GIVES SOLDIERS CHAMELEON-LIKE SKIN FOR BETTER CAMOUFLAGE.
AND A DAMN GOOD JOB IT'LL DO, TOO. YOU'RE A TOP STUDENT, KESTREL. WHY ARE YOU SPYING ON US?
I THOUGHT THIS WAS STUDY HALL.
SORRY. THAT WASN'T THE RIGHT ANSWER. WANT TO TRY AGAIN?

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LET HER GO, ASHTON
WHAT?
THREATS, EMPTY OR NOT, AREN'T GOING TO SETTLE THIS. WE'RE GOING TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.
CAN WE PICK UP MY CLOTHES FIRST? I STASHED THEM IN THE BATHROOM.
OKAY. YEAH THAT'D BE PRUDENT
WE'RE
I KNOW SHE'S WAITING FOR YOU INSIDE.
DOCTOR...?
THANKS FOR COMING.
YOU HAVE A NEW ASSIGNMENT
I HOPE YOU CAN COMPLETE IT BY THE END OF THE DAY
YOU LOOK...
YOUNGER.
UNLESS THIS IS KERIS IN A WIG.
I'M NOT KERIS. I ASSURE YOU
YOU HAVEN'T SAID "LIKE" YET I'M CONVINCED.
THIS IS AMAZING! YOU'VE FOUND A WAY TO REVERSE THE AGING PROCESS. EVERY GENETICIST'S [redacted]
MORE LIKE IT FOUND ME .. AND I'D BE JUST AS EXCITED IF I HAD ANY IDEA WHAT AGE I'M GOING TO STOP AT
TECHNICALLY YOU'RE THE SAME AGE YOUR CELLS ARE SIMPLY
SHUSH. IT'LL BE OKAY, DOCTOR CAN I CHECK SOMETHING?
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
WHEN DID YOU START SCRATCHING YOUR NECK DOCTOR?

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I DON'T KNOW. I WAS MORE FOCUSED ON MY ARTHRITIS FLARE UP UNTIL THAT DISAPPEARED. I THINK I FIRST GOT THE ITCH AFTER TALKING TO SIN.
...WHILE HIS CREW WAS TESTING
YEAH. THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING THERE...
IT CAME DOWN FROM THE CEILING BEHIND YOU RIGHT AS YOU WERE LEAVING, BUT IT'S LIKE A GHOST. I CAN'T REALLY SEE IT
IF IT CAN CRAWL ON THE CEILING AND CAN'T BE EASILY SEEN, IT'S GOTTA BE KESTREL
CHAMELEON GIRL.
I REVIEWED HER PROGRESS LAST WEEK. SHE DOESN'T HAVE APPROVAL TO START PRACTICAL TESTING YET
SO SHE'S GONE AHEAD WITHOUT IT. WISH I COULD SAY I'M SURPRISED. YOUR REPORT ON THAT IS FOUR DAYS LATE BY THE WAY
YEAH, SORRY. THIRTEEN DEVELOPED A PAW CRAMP
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH IT?
SHE WAS TYPING IT UP FOR ME, OBVIOUSLY
BRING THE FOOTAGE TO MY SECRETARY. SHE'LL MAKE A COPY FOR THE AUTHORITIES.
AND WHAT ABOUT DURING YOU?
WE'RE HEADED DOWN TO THE ADVANCED LABS THE FACULTY USES. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING THAT CAN FIX THIS.
WAIT FOR ME, OKAY?
SORRY, SIN. BUT WE'RE I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
YOU PROBABLY HEARD MOST OF THAT SOMETHING'S COME UP
WE'LL HAVE TO FINISH YOUR INTERVIEW LATER. SORRY
THAT'S OKAY, MR. ATTIC. I UNDERSTAND
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Caught on Tape
03-09-15

DEET
DEET
THIS IS KESTREL LEAVE A MES
STUPID LIZARD WHERE ?
DEET
DEET
DEET
DEET
KESTEREL S BLOWN IT GET EVERYONE
WHEN ATTIC OPENS THAT DOOR WE RE GOING ALL IN NO TIME TO BE SUBTLE
IT S LUCKY YOU CAME BY WHEN YOU DID WE'D NEVER HAVE CAUGHT HER.
I HAVE A FREE PERIOD. JUST FELT LIKE WALL CRAWLING. HELPS CLEAR MY HEAD.
OOOH THESE ARE CLEANER THAN I IMAGINED
NEED TO TALK ABOUT ANYTHING? WE'VE GOT A MINUTE
THANKS, BUT I OUGHT TO TALK WITH SOMEONE ELSE
MR. CALLOWAY?
YOU CAN CALL ME LEON.
I'D RATHER NOT, SIR.
I JUST WANTED TO SAY I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO FLINT IF IT WASN'T FOR ME
I KNOW THE WHOLE STORY
YOU WERE TRYING TO HELP HIM. IT COULD HAVE GONE HORRIBLY WRONG.. BUT IT WORKED.
DESPITE THE WAY HE LOOKS, HE'S BEEN HAPPIER THAN I'VE SEEN HIM IN YEARS.
HE S SPENT MORE TIME IN THE YARD AND WRITING AND ACTING OUT WEIRD PLAYS THAN HE'S SPENT ON VIDEO GAMES. HE DOESN'T STOP HE'S EMBRACED HIS CHANGES COMPLETELY I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND IT, BUT HE S HAPPY
AND THAT S ALL I NEED TO KNOW HE'S OKAY

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CCVI
My Son the Squirrel
03-16-15

IF YOU WANT ME TO STAY AWAY FROM THEM, YOU JUST NEED TO SAY SO
CHECK OUT THAT FOOTAGE WHEN SIN GETS HERE, THEN FIND US IN THE ADVANCED LABS
GOT IT
HRM. THIRTEEN MESSAGED ME A FEW MINUTES AGO. APPEARS OUR SUSPECT WAS CAUGHT WHERE SHE DIDN'T BELONG.
BUT IF SHE'S AFTER THE PRINCIPAL, WHY'S SHE -?
EH HERM.
HALL MONITOR
HALL PASSES, PLEASE
WHUH? THAT'S THE PRINCIPAL'S I.D.!
I AM THE PRINCIPAL. I'M JUST... LITTLER.
THE PRINCIPAL KNOWS THAT "LITTLER" ISN'T A WORD.
OKAY. HOW ELSE WOULD I KNOW THAT YOUR GENETICS PROJECT INVOLVES ENGINEERING YOUR HAIR TO ABSORB SOLAR RADIATION AND CHANNEL IT INTO AN ELECTRICAL BATTERY SHAPED LIKE A UNICORN'S HORN THAT YOU INSTALLED ON YOUR FOREHEAD?
A PROJECT WHICH MY ETHICS CLASS REVIEWED AND [redacted] SEVENTEENTH.
HALL MONITOR
DOCTOR ATTIC.
MISTER WALKER
HALL MONITOR
YOU MAY PROCEED.
THANK YOU.
HALL MONI

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CCVII
The Attic is Adorable
03-23-15

SO WHY AREN'T WE WAITING FOR THE VIDEO?
YOU NEED ME TO ACCESS THE ADVANCED EQUIPMENT, AND I M GETTING YOUNGER BY THE MINUTE.
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ENDING THIS DAY IN DIAPERS
I THINK YOU ALSO DON'T WANT MR. ATTIC TO SEE YOU LIKE THIS.
OH GEE, REALLY?
I'VE BEEN THERE REMEMBER? LAST MONTH YOU WERE THE ONE TELLING ME NOT TO WORRY HE LL ACCEPT YOU NO MATTER WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE
CAN WE NOT TALK ABOUT BOYS RIGHT NOW? IT MAKES ME FEEL ICKY
ATTIC'S ALMOST THERE.
I M ON MY WAY THE OTHERS?
READY AND WAITING.
I THINK WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED.
FOLLOWED? YOU SURE?
I'VE LEARNED TO TRUST THESE EARS.
LISTEN DOCTOR.. I M STARTING TO THINK WHAT KESTREL DID TO YOU IS MORE THAN JUST A PRANK. LAST WEEK SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT REED STEEL AND A FEW OTHER STUDENTS WERE PLANNING [redacted]
BUT REED S UNDER HOUSE ARREST
IN SPITE OF THE VAGUE EVIDENCE, I SEE CASS' POINT
YOU ARE THE LYNCHPIN TO THIS ENTIRE SCHOOL, AND NOW YOU'VE BEEN REDUCED TO A VERY YOUNG. TINY LITTLE
I GET IT.
MORTY DO US A FAVOR...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO US ANY FAVORS. NOAH. I'M ANGRY WITH THE SITUATION, NOT WITH YOU.
YOU AND CASS
[redacted] YOU LET HER GET AWAY?!
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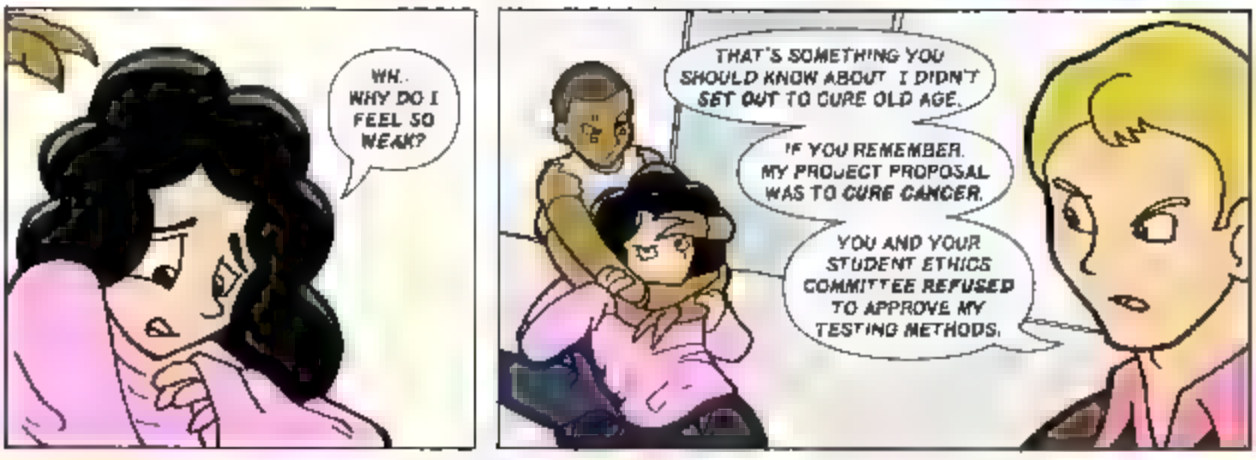
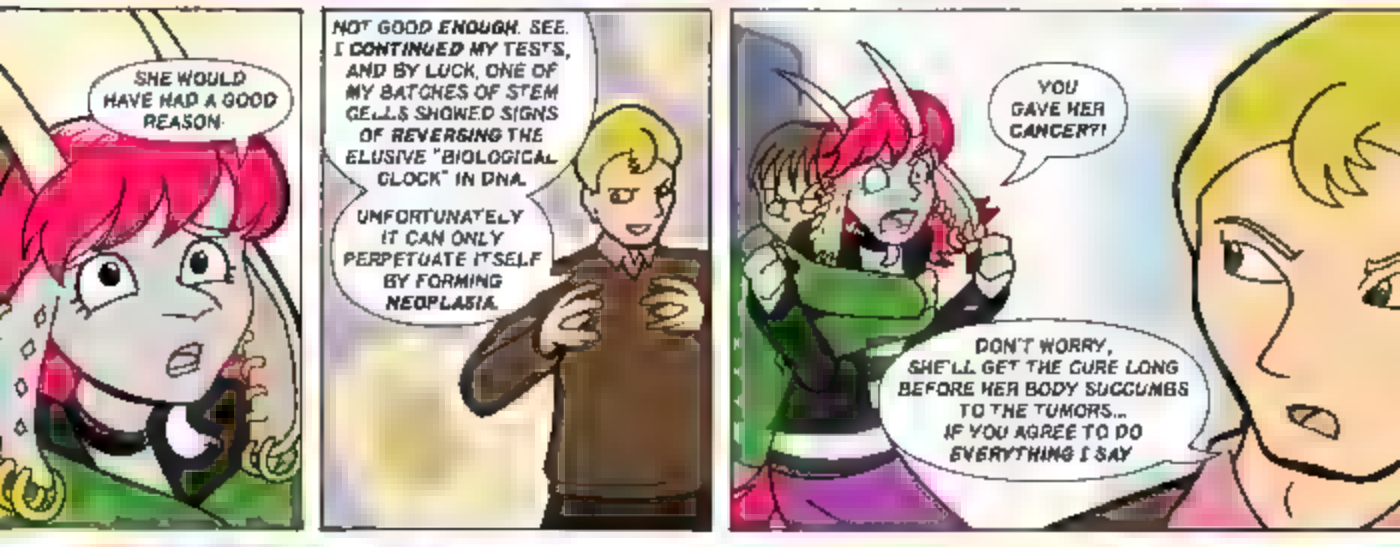
CCVIII
Suspicions
03-30-15

SHE ASKED ME NOT TO LOOK AT HER WHILE SHE GOT DRESSED! WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO?
KEEP LOOKING AT HER! YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN HER NAKED!
HOW'D SHE GET OUT? THE DOOR NEVER OPENED
SHE USED THE DROP CEILING.
BUT AT LEAST SHE DIDN'T STEAL MR. VERTTRONI'S SWEATER! I FOUND IT IN THE TOILET
THE VIDEO COPIED SUCCESSFULLY I M MAKING BACKUPS NOW.
GREAT I'M GONNA RUN TO THE ADVANCED LABS.
IT S WEIRD HOW CLOSE DOOR HANDLES ARE NOW
THIS IS WEIRD IN A LOT OF WAYS.
I'M COMING TOO
MR ATTIC. UMM.. THE ADVANCED EQUIPMENT IS SECURED. EVEN FACULTY ISN'T ALLOWED IN THERE WITHOUT THE PRINCIPAL S PERMISSION.
IT S MY WIFE AND SHE S IN TROUBLE I'M COMING
GET IN QUICK. IT LL AUTO-LOCK
ACTUALLY, COULD YOU HOLD THE DOOR?


WH.. WHY DO I FEEL SO WEAK?
THAT'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT. I DIDN'T SET OUT TO CURE OLD AGE.
IF YOU REMEMBER, MY PROJECT PROPOSAL WAS TO CURE CANCER.
YOU AND YOUR STUDENT ETHICS COMMITTEE REFUSED TO APPROVE MY TESTING METHODS.


SHE WOULD HAVE HAD A GOOD REASON.
NOT GOOD ENOUGH. SEE, I CONTINUED MY TESTS, AND BY LUCK, ONE OF MY BATCHES OF STEM CELLS SHOWED SIGNS OF REVERSING THE ELUSIVE "BIOLOGICAL CLOCK" IN DNA.
UNFORTUNATELY IT CAN ONLY PERPETUATE ITSELF BY FORMING NEOPLASIA.
YOU GAVE HER CANCER?!
DON'T WORRY, SHE'LL GET THE CURE LONG BEFORE HER BODY SUCCUMBS TO THE TUMORS... IF YOU AGREE TO DO EVERYTHING I SAY

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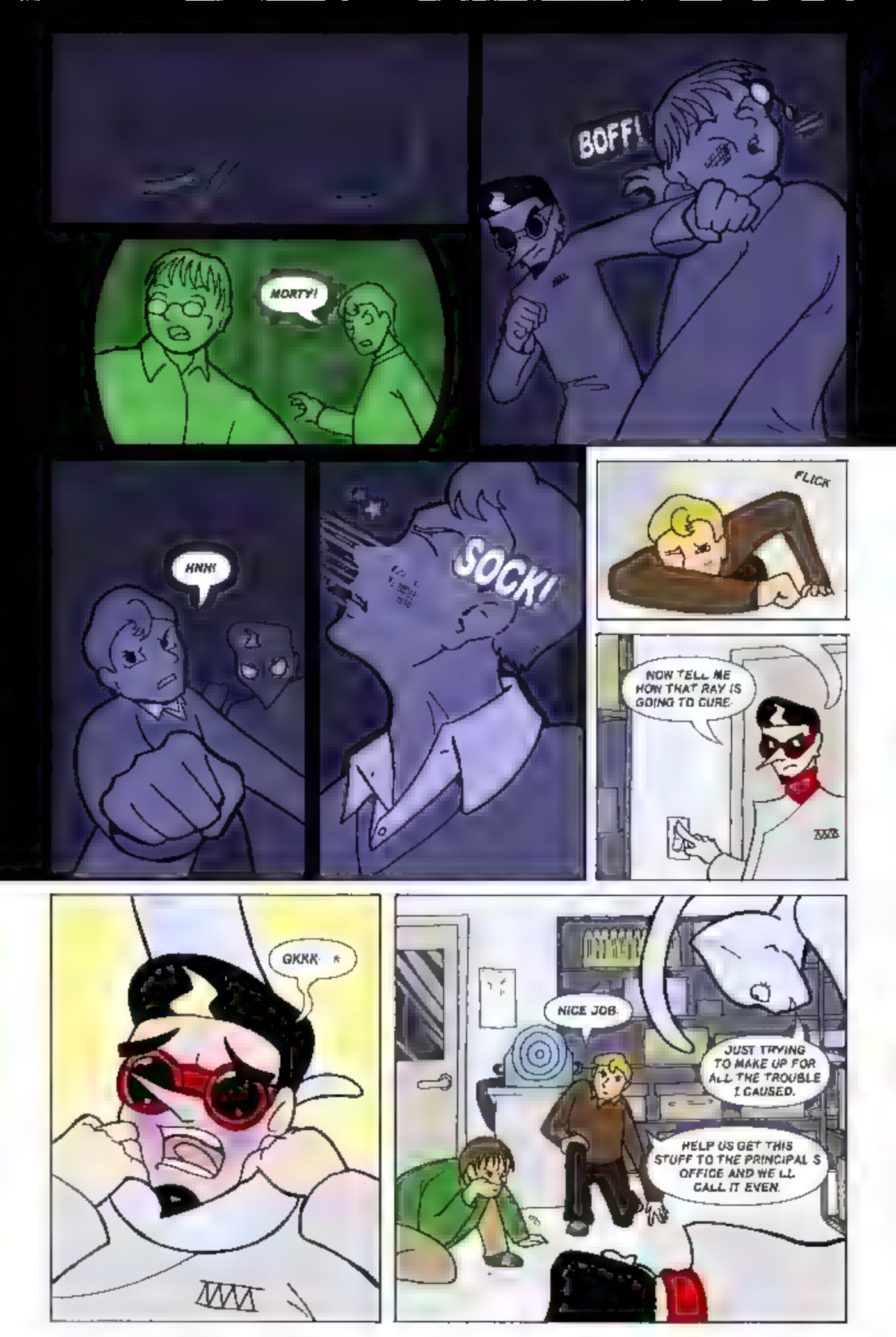
For the Record, I Do SOME Research for These Explanations

04-27-15

I OWE DOCTOR ATTIC A FEW FAVORS. IF IT'LL SAVE HER LIFE, I'LL DO IT
GLAD TO HEAR IT!
YOU CAN HELP REPROGRAM THE TRANSFORMATION RAY SHE'LL NEED IT
CLOMP
GYEEEAUGH!
CLOCK!
BA-A-A-A-AH!
PUT THEM SOMEWHERE OUT OF THE WAY
GARETH GET THIS STUFF READY TO MOVE MORTY COME ON OVER HERE
FIRST THINGS FIRST KEN..
WHAT?
FLICK


BOFF!
MORTY!
HNH!
SOCK!
FLICK
NOW TELL ME HOW THAT RAY IS GOING TO CURE
GKKK
NICE JOB.
JUST TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR ALL THE TROUBLE I CAUSED.
HELP US GET THIS STUFF TO THE PRINCIPAL S OFFICE AND WE LL CALL IT EVEN.

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WHERE ARE WE GOING?
JUST TRUST ME!
I BET ITH A BIG CONSPIRATHY! SOME PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE SCHOOL!
THIS ISN'T TV BUD. I THINK IT S JUST A COUPLE OF PEOPLE PLAYING WITH THEIR NEW ABILITIES AND GETTING CARRIED AWAY
YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO NOT LISTEN TO THE NEW INSTINCTS CREEPING AROUND IN YOUR HEAD
I M WITH FLINT AT THIS SCHOOL, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING WORSE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.
YOU'VE REALLY ONLY SEEN THIS PLACE ON BAD DAYS.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT S BECAUSE YOU HAVE SO MANY OF THEM?
KAY, I'M GONNA GUESS YOU DON'T HAVE A HALL PASS.
NICE JOB.

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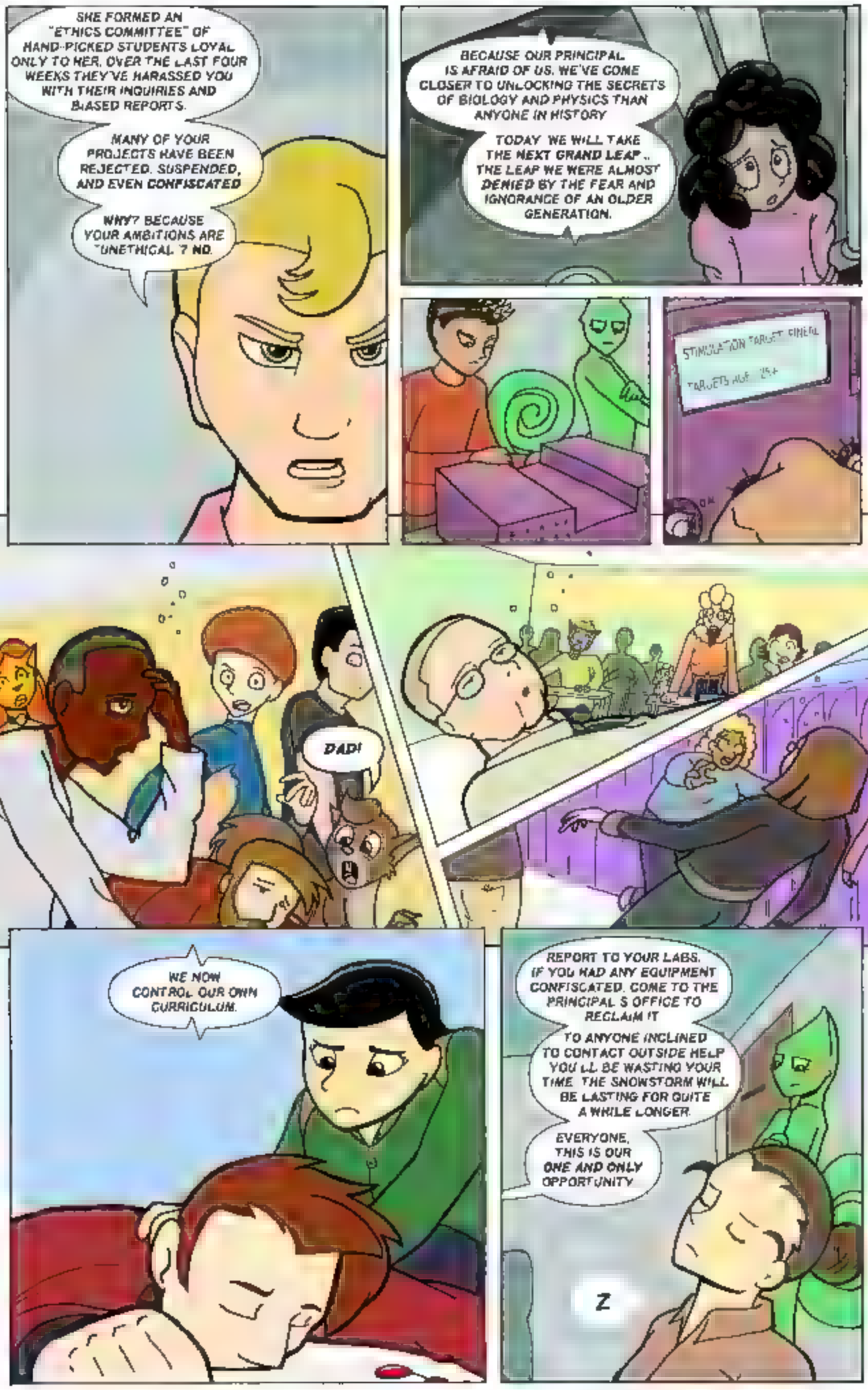
Bad Days Are Here Again
05-18-15

WELL. SO MUCH FOR MY PLAN.
BETWEEN THIS AND MAKING ME HUMAN AGAIN, EVERY TIME I WANT YOU TO SUCCEED AT SOMETHING, YOU TOTALLY DON'T
CAN'T YOUR KARMA WAIT UNTIL AFTER EVERYTHING GETS BETTER?
TRACHEA.. IMPAIRED...
AT LEAST .. HE TRIED..
ARE YOU DOING OKAY?
NO. I AM ABSOLUTELY NOT OKAY!
NOTHING IS OKAY!
HEY HEY
KATSUKO KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON. SHE'LL MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN.
ATTENTION ATTIC HIGH.
THIS IS YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT KEN TEIGAN. DOCTOR ATTIC HAS BEEN...
..DEMOTED.


SHE FORMED AN "ETHICS COMMITTEE" OF HAND-PICKED STUDENTS LOYAL ONLY TO HER. OVER THE LAST FOUR WEEKS THEY'VE HARASSED YOU WITH THEIR INQUIRIES AND BIASED REPORTS.
MANY OF YOUR PROJECTS HAVE BEEN REJECTED, SUSPENDED, AND EVEN CONFISCATED
WHY? BECAUSE YOUR AMBITIONS ARE "UNETHICAL." AND.
BECAUSE OUR PRINCIPAL IS AFRAID OF US. WE'VE COME CLOSER TO UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF BIOLOGY AND PHYSICS THAN ANYONE IN HISTORY
TODAY WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT GRAND LEAP .. THE LEAP WE WERE ALMOST DENIED BY THE FEAR AND IGNORANCE OF AN OLDER GENERATION.
DAD!
WE NOW CONTROL OUR OWN CURRICULUM.
REPORT TO YOUR LABS. IF YOU HAD ANY EQUIPMENT CONFISCATED, COME TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE TO RECLAIM IT
TO ANYONE INCLINED TO CONTACT OUTSIDE HELP YOU'LL BE WASTING YOUR TIME. THE SNOWSTORM WILL BE LASTING FOR QUITE A WHILE LONGER.
EVERYONE, THIS IS OUR ONE AND ONLY OPPORTUNITY
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GO WILD.

PHASE TWO COMPLETE

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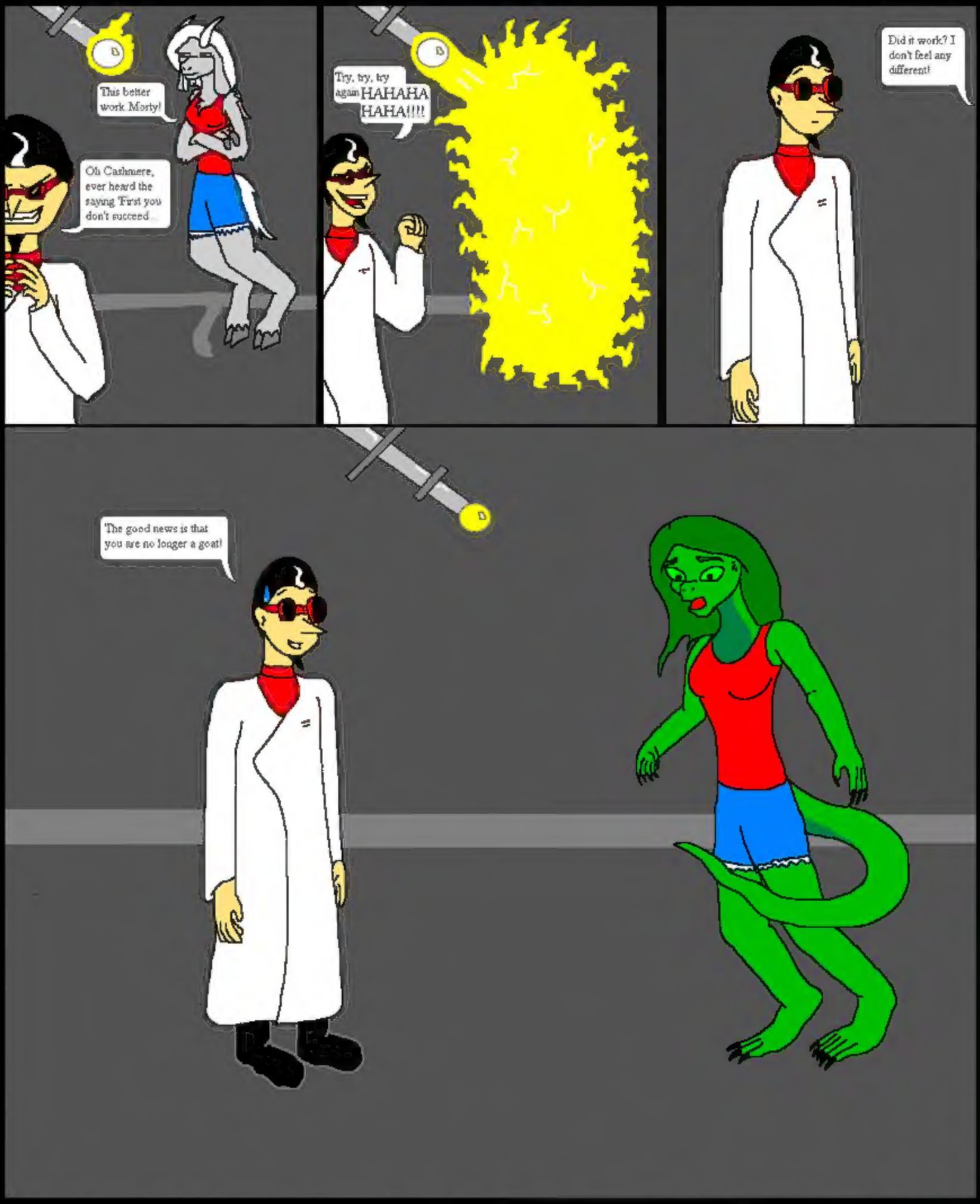
UTC guest strip by Zebra Girl's Joe England

class assignment:
In as few words as possible, describe the part your closest relative plays in your life.
LISTEN TO ME! MY CHIMERA EYES CAN SEE THE MAGIC SPECTRUM! APOCKERIS IS SUNDERING THE VEIL! SHE'LL TURN THE WORLD PINK!!
HOLD FAST, FELLOWS! THOSE EXTRA BRAINS HAVE CLEARLY DRIVEN HER MAD. THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR TINKERING WITH LUDICROUS SORCERY!
FROM NOW ON I'LL STICK TO RUINING HER LIFE WITH LUDICROUS SCIENCE!
Role model
JOE


This better work Morty!
Oh Cashmere, ever heard the saying 'First you don't succeed...
Try, try, try again HAHAHA HAHA!!!!
Did it work? I don't feel any different!
The good news is that you are no longer a goat!

UTC guest strip by The Shadow Demon (TSD)

COMING UP IN UTC

PHASE THREE BEGINS FALL 2015

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